









Local Election Manifesto 2008

The Disabled Children Matter Wales Campaign wants disabled children and young people to have the same everyday opportunities as other children and young people.

But the Children's National Service Framework Report 06/07 shows that services for disabled children and their families are consistently the weakest area of service delivery across Wales. The new Children and Young People Plans should start to address some of the problems but if things are to change it is vital that local councillors make disabled children and their families a priority over the next four years.

The Disabled Children Matter Wales Campaign wants disabled children, young people and their families to have :

-  **The Right Information At The Right Time**
-  **A Real Choice In Education**
-  **The Health Services They Need To Live An Ordinary**
-  **Access to Play and Leisure**
-  **A Say In Planning The Services They Receive**
-  **Access to Community Facilities**
-  **Enough money to live on**

The current model of providing services for disabled children and young people is failing to meet their needs. The challenge over the next three years will be to pave the way for a transformation in how services which support disabled children enable them to have the same everyday opportunities as other children – full access to play and leisure activities, community facilities, transport, housing, training and employment.

Local Authorities must take the lead in making sure that these things happen - working with disabled young people and their families to transform local services.

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