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As a parent of a child or children with a disability, you know how important it is to get the services and support that you need. We are inviting you to help us to plan future services by putting your child's name on the new child disability record. Young people can also choose to put their own name on the record.

What is the child disability record?

The record is a list of children and young people with disabilities who live in Neath Port Talbot. It records special needs that the children and young people have, and what help they are getting already, or waiting to get. We have to keep the record, by law.

The information is shared by Social Services, Education and the Health Authority.

What is the record for?

Social Services, Education and the health Authority all provide services for disabled children and young people. We want to make sure that the services we offer are:

- the right ones to meet children and young people's needs
- available to everyone who needs them
- provided in the right places.

The record will give us a better idea of what services are needed now and in the future. It will be especially important as young people grow up and, perhaps, need the services which are provided for adults.

How do I know if my child should be on the record?

The record is of children and young people up to the age of 21 who are getting Disability Living Allowance (DLA) at the middle or higher rate. It covers all types of permanent disability.

If you have not applied for DLA for your child, you may find that it's worth your while to do so - ask us for advice.

Why should I get involved?

It's important that the record is accurate so we need to include as many local children as we can. From time to time

we may ask you for updated information on your child's needs for this record. We in Health, Social Services and Education also need to keep each other informed of the number and needs of disabled children and their families, so we will share general information with these agencies although children will not be named when this information is exchanged.

What happens next?

Please fill in the reply slip and let us know if you are willing for your child (or yourself, if you are a young person) to be on the record. We will get in touch with you about the information to go on the record. After that, we will contact you once a year to check that the information is up to date.

If you want to know more, please contact
 Child Care (Disability) Team
 (01639) 765400

Also available in large print, in Braille and on tape.
 Phone (01639) 873014 for copies

- I want the name(s) below to be included on the Neath Port Talbot Child Disability Record
- I do not want the name(s) below to be included on the Neath Port Talbot Child Disability Record

Name(s) of child/children/young person

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 Address

- I am the parent of the child/children named above
- I am the young person named above

Name (if parent)
 Signed
 Date

Please return to:

Child Care (Disability) Team
 The Laurels, 87 Lewis Rd,
 NEATH SA11 1DJ

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