

# Children with Disabilities Annual Report

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# What We Told You Last Year.....

- ❖ We told you all about how we are capturing the voice of disabled children and young people who we work with.
- ❖ We talked to you about how we ensure that children's needs are understood by the people who know them best and our vision to provide consistency to all children and young people open to the service by the social workers and Family Support workers in the team.
- ❖ We told you about our non-assessed short breaks and the local offer
- ❖ We talked to you about how we are ensuring that we provide EHCP social care advice.
- ❖ We shared some feedback from a young person.

This year we would like to share the stories of 3 of our Children with Disabilities in Residential Children's homes:

**Ann, Emily and Hendrix**

# Ann

Ann has enjoyed lots of exciting activities this year. In the spring she went on her first holiday with placement to a caravan park near Scarborough. She had so much fun that she asked for staff to take her again which they did in the summer.



Ann went to a school friend's birthday party and asked if she could have one too. Ann's carers arranged a lovely party with a Peppa Pig cake, entertainment and mascots. Ann's Mam, Sister and Social Worker all came as well as her friends from school. Ann loved singing karaoke!

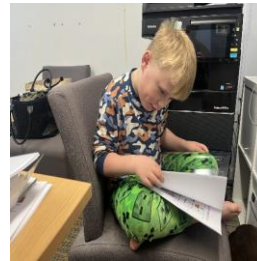
Ann has also had her bedroom redecorated to make it more grown up in accordance with her wishes.

Ann really enjoys the time she spends monthly with her Mam and sister. For Christmas Ann, with the help of staff, made a photo calendar for her Mam Jodie with pictures of all of the things she had been up to.

# Hendrix

Hendrix has moved into a new specialist home this year and has settled in really well. He enjoys the swimming pool which is on site and also loves social activities like the Halloween Disco.

Hendrix has made a short film for us to watch.



## ❖ Focus on Specialist Children's Homes

Sometimes we need to look for the right support for some of our disabled young people where they can have all of their needs met.

One of our big worries in the past has been that children have lived a long way from their local area at times, and we have had some real success for the 3 young people who we have just shared being able to have a specialist provision in their local area and maintain important links with their family while being supported with the level of care and support they need.

We will continue to strive to identify the right home for children, when this is needed and where we can as close to their home.

## ❖ Feedback to the CwD team from the SEND partnership inspection

*- The Children with Disabilities social care team conducts thorough assessments of disabled children's needs. Children have their needs quickly and accurately identified. For example, social workers identify any needs arising from disability or environmental issues, and when needs are identified, social workers make prompt referrals to services and ensure support is quickly put in place. Specialist services are brought into holistic planning as needed.*

*- Early help workers and Children with Disabilities social workers are knowledgeable about the support available to children and young people and their families. Navigation workers ensure that support features in young people's future planning and continues into adulthood. For example, planning to support children with SEND as they approach adulthood starts when they become 14 years old. Navigation workers complete Care Act assessments and capacity assessments as needed. This ensures that young people who need continuing care and support from adult services post-18 have their care packages agreed in advance.*

Thank you for listening – we look forward to sharing all our new news in 2026 in how we continue to support disabled children and young people.