



FACTSHEET

Sheffield INDEX

of children and young people with disabilities

The Sheffield INDEX of Children and Young People with Disabilities, at the Ryegate Childrens Centre, is the CHILD DISABILITY REGISTER for Sheffield.

The Sheffield INDEX is the Child Disability Register for Sheffield, which is required by law, under the Childrens Act of 1989. We *voluntarily* register all children and young people, aged 0 to 19, who live in Sheffield and have any disability, special need or life altering medical condition.

Your child is NOT automatically 'registered' as having a disability – it is up to you as the parent/guardian to do this via joining the Sheffield INDEX.

WHAT IS THE SHEFFIELD INDEX?

Parents/guardians and carers can enrol their child onto the Sheffield INDEX. We ask you to complete a short enrolment questionnaire. We then keep your details/information on a confidential, detailed computer database.

The Sheffield INDEX brings together all the registers and lists held by Health, Education and Social Services. – this is multi agency working across all the main services at its best! We use all the 'statistics' held on the database to plan for the future across all services for children and young people with disabilities in Sheffield. No named data is given out.

In return for joining the Sheffield INDEX, parents will receive a registration letter, regular priority copies of the very popular '[What's Going On](#)' disability and special needs newsletter plus a personalised letter detailing all the disability services you and your child can access across Sheffield.

HOW DO I JOIN THE SHEFFIELD INDEX?

To enrol your child onto the Sheffield INDEX please contact **Jackie Griffin**, the Disability INDEX Manager on **0114 271 7626**.

You can also email the Sheffield INDEX on jacqueline.griffin@sch.nhs.uk or index@Sch.nhs.uk

Our website is at www.sheffield.nhs.uk/disabilityindex and here you can see all the current and back issues of the 'What's Going On' disability and special needs newsletter.

We are based at the **Ryegate Children's Centre**, Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield, S10 5DD and we also have a FREEPOST address:

Sheffield INDEX
FREEPOST NEA 12925
Sheffield
S10 5ZZ

WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE SHEFFIELD INDEX ?

In early 2006 there were 900 children and young people on the Sheffield INDEX. Many parents say that being on the Sheffield INDEX helps them feel included and that their thoughts and opinions on services and planning for the future are truly valued.

Here are some comments about the Sheffield INDEX and how we have helped so many families....

"It's great being on the INDEX, we get the 'What's Going On' Newsletter all the time now, and Jackie has given us so much information on local support groups"

"The INDEX gave me more information in one letter than I had managed to get out several agencies in 2 years – thanks!"

"The personal letter we were sent when our son joined the INDEX really helped us to find some support. We couldn't have done that without the INDEX"

"We like the feeling that the INDEX really listens to us and that all our views do actually count"

"Even though our daughter is in residential school all term time, we still feel in contact with all the groups and events in the city"

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