

BLAENAU GWENT DISABILITY INDEX

The Children's Act 1989 requires each Local Authority to collect information about children and young people with a disability. The Index brings together the registers held by Education and Social Services to plan for the future for children with any disability or life-altering health condition.

What is the Index?

The Index is a confidential, secure computer database which holds all the necessary information, about children and young people aged 0-18 with any disability or life-altering health condition. To help with the work in Blaenau Gwent, Education and Social Services have joined together to consolidate all information held on children, young people and their disabilities.

Why have an Index?

The Index will enable us jointly to:

Collect and supply information for planning for future years and the immediate future – from Schools and Transport to Holiday Schemes and Respite Care. This makes sure children and their families are included in planning services.

Provide statistical information to the Government.

Ask children, young people and their families what they want. Without consulting parents, carers and children about what questions they would like answered the Index could not work.

Circulate relevant information, ideas and news via newsletters.

Ensure children and their families know what is going on in Blaenau Gwent and how to reach and obtain these services.