

# Short Breaks Newsletter

News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford



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## New Approved Providers for Childrens Community Care and Support

The Commissioning team have introduced a new framework to evaluate and accredit agencies to provide care and support to local families. We have received a significant number of applications from agencies to the Childrens Care and Support Lot, and whilst the evaluation process takes time, we are pleased to let you know that so far, the following agencies have been approved:

**Empowering U**—Empowering U was set up to focus on providing a quality and diverse service to individuals with complex care needs. Everything we do is underpinned by the firm belief that we can transform choices through time, dedication and going that extra mile for our clients. We believe that through vision, stamina and a little humour, we can offer an exceptional service of care to those in need. With over 25 years of operating experience in the health and social care sector, our ambition is to promote dignity and choice through quality staffing. Our local teams specialise in offering service users every available opportunity to re-enable and lead a fulfilling life. This is what our tree of life logo encapsulates – it's not enough to just make do, we want to ensure that our users live their lives to the fullest. We pride ourselves on our ability to combine our expertise and knowledge with compassion and a genuine, people-focused service, making Empowering U the right choice for you. You can find out more online at [www.empoweringu.co.uk](http://www.empoweringu.co.uk). Watch this short video to explain who we are and what we do - <https://youtu.be/V3dKaXoRABw>.



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Complex Care

**Brockton Care Ltd**—The services we offer at Brockton Care Limited provide people with safe, effective, compassionate and high-quality care. Our team follows a strict training program covering a variety of specialisms that means we can offer specialised care at the high standards you expect. Our new office in the heart of Newport High Street is easily accessible by public transport, 40 High Street, Newport, TF10 7AQ. Contact us on 01952 222555 or [office@brocktoncareltd.co.uk](mailto:office@brocktoncareltd.co.uk)

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**Jobmerger Support Services**—Discover compassionate and professional children's care services with Jobmerger Support Services. We specialize in providing high-quality, tailored care for children of all ages, ensuring their safety, well-being, and happiness. Our dedicated and experienced team members are trained to support children with a range of needs, from routine care, personal care and Support in the community to specialized services for children with physical or learning disabilities and complex health conditions. At Jobmerger, we prioritize creating a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Trust us to provide the exceptional care and support your family deserves, helping your children grow and develop in a safe and caring environment. Contact us today to learn more about our services and how we can support your child's unique needs in the comfort of their own homes: 01952 482204 or [info@jobmerger.co.uk](mailto:info@jobmerger.co.uk)



**Win Healthcare**—Win Healthcare are a CQC registered independent, privately owned healthcare company based in Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire. We specialise in Domiciliary Care services and have trained, experienced and dedicated staff who support to delivery our service. We operate Domiciliary care service and support service users with personal care, domestic calls and shopping calls. Our aim is to deliver service in a safe, responsive, efficient, well-led and caring manner. We are based in central Telford, call us on 07479 797793 or email us at [info@winhealthcare.co.uk](mailto:info@winhealthcare.co.uk)

These approved agencies will be approached first for new referrals (changes to existing packages may remain with the current agency). Direct Payment holders are able to negotiate directly with these and any other agencies – we recommend always using a CQC registered (for children) agency.

## SIGN UP—iCan2 Scheme

iCan2 is the membership scheme managed by the Children with Disabilities Team to offer fun and engaging activities to children and young people 0-17 with disabilities. The iCan2 scheme is explained in more detail within the Short Breaks Statement (see below).

iCan2 includes providers that deliver creative arts, sports and leisure, as well as passes for local attractions.

In order to access all of the wonderful activities and local attraction passes, NEW membership is required. If you would like to become a member and access these exciting opportunities, you can download the membership form and find more details, including eligibility criteria [here](#).

## UPDATE—iCan2 Creative Arts

The 4 All Foundation is delighted to announce the launch of three new workshops as part of the iCan2 membership scheme in Telford & Wrekin.

Stay updated with tasters, themed events, and more by following 4All social media pages and signing up for their newsletter by emailing [info@4all.foundation](mailto:info@4all.foundation)

Children and young people must be registered with iCan2 to access these sessions. You can find out more and book sessions online at: <https://4allfoundation.schoolipal.co.uk>

## NEW— SEND Sessions in the Community

### Apley Play Barn

Apley Play Barn are now holding exclusive SEND sessions! Apley Play Barn is an indoor soft play centre, on the A442 near Bridgnorth. The play barn is designed for children up to the age of 8. They serve delicious barista coffee and healthy hot and cold foods, all to be enjoyed in their safe, clean and friendly play barn based in the heart of the Shropshire countryside.

Their SEND sessions are held every Thursday 2.30-5pm. You can email [enquiries@apleyfarmshop.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@apleyfarmshop.co.uk) or call 01952 581002 if you have any queries.



### Medieval Madness

Medieval Madness, an indoor soft play centre in Shrewsbury, are now holding exclusive SEND sessions. They have slides, giant lego, canons, ball pits and much more. The SEND sessions vary on days and times so please keep an eye on their website ([www.medievalmadness.co.uk/sen](http://www.medievalmadness.co.uk/sen)) and social media for when they are happening. They are currently trialling various days and times to find the most suitable time that works for everyone, so if you have any suggestions, please contact them on 01743 466730.

They strongly believe that everyone should be included not matter what disability or challenges they have, that is why they welcome everyone at any time, not just during SEND sessions so please don't be afraid to go along. No booking is required.

### The Bike Hub

Telford Bike Hub in Telford Town Park are now offering sessions specifically for ADAPTIVE BIKES. They are every Monday starting on 12 August 10am-12pm and cost £10. You can book online at: [www.ticketstelford.com/.../telford-bike-hub.../5131/](http://www.ticketstelford.com/.../telford-bike-hub.../5131/)

If you or someone you know wants to ride around the park but can't use a standard 2 wheel bike then this session could be for you. There are a variety of bikes available including side by side, a hand bike, a wheelchair loader and ones with parent controls. If balance is the issue there are also trikes. All users need to come with the level assistance they require to be able to get on and off the bikes and we also offer free carer bikes (standard 2 wheel) should someone need to ride around with them. There will be a set route and users can attend for the full session or drop in and out as they need to. We have limited bikes available and the session is open to 20 people so there might be occasions where it's a case of take it in turns depending on what is in use. Any questions, please email [thebikehub@telford.gov.uk](mailto:thebikehub@telford.gov.uk)

Date and Time	Activity	Location	Details
<b>Monday</b>			
Every Week—10-11.30am	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session		
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Stop Motion		
Every Week—4-5.30pm	Soft Play for Juniors	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—6-8pm	Soft Play for Seniors		
Every Week—11.15-12.15pm	Children's Autism Hub Coffee and Chat	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email <a href="mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk">childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Minecraft		
Every Week—4-6pm	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	Challenging Perceptions Youth Wellbeing Group	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Every Week—3.30-4.30pm	4 All Boxing	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact <a href="mailto:support@podstelford.org">support@podstelford.org</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Lego		
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561">https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561</a>
Every Week—4-5pm	4 All Dodgeball	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.

If you would like to discuss your child's needs or accessibility requirements, please contact the activity provider on the details above ahead of the session to avoid disappointment.

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<b>Thursday</b>			
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Activity Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10.30-1.30pm	Special Needs Activity Centre	7 Downemead, Hollinswood, Telford, TF3 2EW	For more information, please visit SNAC on Facebook.
First Thursday of Month—4.30pm	Children's Autism Hub Dugout 11-18yrs	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4JL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email <a href="mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk">childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Friday</b>			
Every Week—1-2pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10-12pm	Ice Rink SEND Session	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit <a href="https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play">https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play</a>
Every Week—5-6pm	Ice Rink SEND Session		
Third Friday of Month —7pm	Funky Friday Inclusive Disco 15+	The Navy Club, Bellman's Yard. Newport, TF10 7AJ	Entry is by pre-booked ticket only. See Facebook page Funky Friday Inclusive Disco for booking details.
Every Week—10-11am	Challenging Perceptions Under 5's Parents and Toddlers	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
<b>Saturday</b>			
Every Week—1.45-2.15pm	Silhouette Dance SEND Session	Randlay Avenue, Telford, TF3 2LH	To book, call 07792300692.
Every Week—10-11am	PODS Activity Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS">www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS</a> . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
<b>Sunday</b>			
Every Week—12.15-1.30pm	SEND Swimming	Abraham Darby Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Rd, Telford, TF7 5HX	To view full timetable, visit <a href="https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming">https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming</a>
Every Week—5-6pm	Wrekin SEND Swimming Club	Wellington Leisure Centre, Tan Bank, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LX	For more information, search Wrekin Special Swimming Club on Facebook or call 07530465472.
Alternate Sunday's	Big Street Little Feet Role Play Centre	2 Anstice Square, Horseshoe Court, Madeley, Telford TF7 5BD	To book and find out more information, visit <a href="https://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk/home">https://www.bigstreetlittlefeet.co.uk/home</a>

