



Physical Difficulties Support Service  
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Staffordshire County Council's (Physical Disability Support Service) has been decommissioned. This essential role is still, however, very much required and valued by early year's settings, schools, colleges and the young people and their families.

I worked in the PDSS role from Horton Lodge Community Special School for eleven years and so have experience in all settings. I am passionate about the service I had been providing, and it is for this reason I decided to set up independently.

The aim of the service is to provide support to mainstream settings to enable inclusion of pupils with physical difficulties.

Support can be offered in a number of specialist areas that include the following:

- Transition between mainstream settings
- Advice on specialist resources equipment and facilities
- Support, guidance and participation upon the SEND assessment
- Access to the environment and the curriculum
- Mobility/ physical access
- Liaise with other agencies, and professionals
- Touch typing and handwriting assessments and programmes
- Assessments for gross and fine motor skills
- Strategies for physical management and personal care
- Care plan advice and guidance
- Risk assessment support and guidance
- Moving and handling advice and training
- To attend meetings, with other agencies
- Independence, personal self-help and life skills
- Staff training, basic signing, dyspraxia, hypermobility and handwriting

For further information and enquires please contact me.