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CHAPTER 20: DISABILITES SERVICES

This chapter is made up of the following categories:

Physical Disabilities

Learning Disabilities

In this book Disabled Access means three out of the following four things: ramps to main entrance, wide doorways, disabled toilet, lift to other floors

If you live with a physical or learning disability you may find the following organisations useful sources of advice and support. For employment advice contact your local **Disability Employment Advisor** and for transport services see details for **Dial-a-Ride** at the beginning of this directory. Also see **Winvisible**, a project for women with disabilities, in **Women Only Projects**.

We are listing the **Southwark Disabilities Service** at Walworth Road first as it provides support for both physical and learning disabilities. Please note this service is currently undergoing a re-organisation. They plan to have separate teams to deal with physical disabilities and learning disabilities respectively. The teams can provide NHS and Community Care assessments, and can help access relevant services. At the time of writing this both teams can be contacted via the main Reception telephone number given below.

Southwark Disabilities Service

Address1: 151 Walworth Road

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE17 1RY

Phone: Reception: 0207 525 2149

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 525 2317

Description: Works with Southwark residents aged 18-65 with a significant physical or learning disability. Provides assessments under the NHS and Community Care Act which may lead to the provision of services that enable the client to maintain greater independence in the community.

Additional Info: This office also processes Freedom Pass travelcards and Blue Badge disabled parking permits. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle and then 5 mins walk / Buses: 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176, 343, 468

Referral: Open access

Criteria/Catchment: Southwark residents with a significant physical or learning disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Physical Disabilities

Action for Blind People

Address1: 14-16 Verney Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE16 3DZ

Phone: 0207 732 8771
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 639 0948

Description: Provide information and advice to the blind community. Can give advice on what home improvements and equipment is available to blind people etc. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm

Travel: Buses: Old Kent Road by junction St James's Road

Criteria/Catchment: National organisation

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Aylesbury Day Centre

Address1: 2 Bradenham Close
Address2: Albany Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE17 2QB

Phone: 0207 525 5219

Description: Popular local day centre for physically disabled people aged under 65. Various activities and workshops including Keep Fit, Arts and Crafts, Cookery, Woodworking, Computers, Pottery etc. Daily meals, social networking, volunteering opportunities, occasional outings/events etc. Transport available by arrangement. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: Buses: 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 468 to Walworth Road by junction Albany Road, 42 stops at door

Referral: Phone for details

Criteria/Catchment: Residents of Southwark with a physical disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Disability Croydon

Address1: St Oswald's Parish Hall

Address2: St Oswald's Road

Town/City: London

Postcode: SW16 3SB

Phone: 0208 674 8822

Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 674 2002

Email: info@disabilitycroydon.org.uk

Website: <http://www.disabilitycroydon.org.uk>

Description: Information, Advocacy and consultancy services for individuals with a physical or learning disability and their carers. Training services to other organisations. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: BR: Norbury

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: For Croydon residents with a disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Latin-American Disabled Peoples Project

Address1: Unit 7, 42 Braganza St

Address2: Kennington

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE17 3RJ

Phone: 0207 793 8399

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 793 1599

Email: ladpp@ladpp.org.uk

Description: Registered charity providing help and support to Latin-American, Spanish and Portugese disabled people. Information, advice and casework on housing, benefits, health care and educational opportunities etc. Advocacy services, interpreting services, training, social and cultural events etc. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Health and benefits advice workshops, various social and cultural events etc

Additional Info: Postal address: PO Box 43412, London SE17 3WZ

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Phone for times of various activities.

Travel: Tube: Kennington / Buses: 59, 133, 155, 159, 333

Referral: Self or other agencies

Criteria/Catchment: Open to all disabled Spanish and Portugese speaking people living in London

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR)

Address1: 12 City Forum
Address2: 250 City Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: EC1V 8AF

Phone: 0207 250 3222
Other Numbers: Textphone: 0207 250 4119

Description: National organisation for disabled people. Can provide information and advice and contact details for other disabled organisations. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)

Address1: 19-23 Featherstone Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: EC1Y 8SL

Phone: Helpline: 0870 605 0123
Other Numbers: Admin: 0207 296 8000
Website: <http://www.rnid.org.uk>

Description: National helpline for deaf people. Information and advice, can provide contact details for other deaf organisations, can also arrange signers for official appointments and interviews etc. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

Address1: 224 Great Portland Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: W1N 6AA

Phone: Helpline: 0845 766 9999

Description: National helpline for blind people offering information and advice and contact details for other organisations etc. Specialist Education and Training advice for visually impaired people, also run a Holiday Service that can provide a sighted guide for groups of travellers. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Southwark Disabilities Forum

Address1: Community Involvement and Development Unit
Address2: Chiltern House, Portland Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE17 2ES

Phone: 0207 525 5503
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 525 5498
Email: cida@southwark.gov.uk
Website: <http://www.southwark.gov.uk>

Description: This is an alliance of groups, organisations, and individuals who are disabled. Their aim is to identify and develop a common strategic agenda to improve the lives of people with disabilities in Southwark.

Special Interest Activities: Meetings are held monthly at Southwark Town Hall. Phone for details.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Travel: Office: Bus 42 to door Meetings: Buses 12, 36, 171, 436 to Southwark Town Hall

Criteria/Catchment: Living and/or working in Southwark.

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Southwark Disablement Association

Address1: Aylesbury Day Centre

Address2: 2 Bradenham Close

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE17 2QB

Phone: 0207 701 1391

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 277 0481 Minicom: 0207 703 6901

Email: sda@dircon.co.uk

Website: <http://www.sda.dircon.co.uk>

Description: For disabled people this popular project offers information and benefits advice, advocacy for community care and housing issues, befriending, outings, Direct Payments support, personal development and self-advocacy, domiciliary care and deaf access and outreach services. Phone or see their website for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Direct Payments user support group

Additional Info: Full disabled access including parking

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Travel: Buses: 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176, 468 to Walworth Rd junction Albany Rd, or 42 to Albany Rd

Referral: Self referrals accepted or via agencies

Criteria/Catchment: Disabled people with physical or sensory impairment, aged 18-64 living in Southwark

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

The Disabled Living Foundation

Address1: The London Centre
Address2: 380-384 Harrow Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: W9 2HU

Phone: 0870 603 9177
Other Numbers: Minicom: 0870 603 9176
Email: advice@dlf.org.uk
Website: <http://www.dlf.org.uk>

Description: National organisation which has a chain of Disabled Living Centres around the country that display equipment and have an advice service for disabled people, their carers and people working with them. Produce the Hamilton Index which lists equipment, prices and vendor details. Also provide training to professionals regarding daily living needs and skills. Phone for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Learning Disabilities

Also see the **Southwark Disabilities Service** at the start of this chapter.

19 Plus Life Skills

Address1: c/o Cambridge House

Address2: 131 Camberwell Road

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE5 0HF

Phone: 0207 703 5025

Description: Life skills for young adults aged 19-25 with a learning disability. Individually tailored educational and life skills programmes. Phone for details.

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Aged 19-25 with a learning disability

Bede House Learning Disabilities Services

Address1: Bede Centre
Address2: Abbeyfield Rd
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE16 2BS

Phone: 0207 237 8930
Other Numbers: Answerphone and Fax: 0207 237 2891
Email: veritymihai@bedehouse.org

Description: Variety of services for adults with learning disabilities. Café Training Project provides catering training, Go For It provides training and support for people undertaking voluntary placements, and Bede Plus Work Preparation project. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Computer groups, Line Dancing, Keep Fit and other activities.

Additional Info: Cafe open to public for lunches Mon-Fri 10am-2pm

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9:am-4pm. Session/project times vary. Phone for details.

Travel: BR: South Bermondsey / Tube: Bermondsey or Surrey Quays / Buses: 1, P13, 381. Limited parking space available.

Referral: Self referrals from adults with learning disabilities, or via other agencies. Phone for appointment.

Criteria/Catchment: Must have a learning disability for all projects, however different projects have different criteria. Phone for details.

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Choice Support - Head Office

Address1: Ground floor, 100 Westminster Bridge Rd
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE1 7XA

Phone: 0207 261 4100
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 261 4148
Email: choicesupport@choicesupport.co.uk
Website: <http://www.learningdisabilitiesuk.org.uk>

Description: National charity providing supported housing and care for adults with learning disabilities. Services in most London boroughs and in the North of England. Residential and outreach services, individually tailored Day Opportunities programme which can provide support for a range of everyday activities, including arranging someone to accompany client to doctors appointment or educational classes etc. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Service user involvement is encouraged

Additional Info: Choice Support Outreach Service

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Referral: Usually via care manager/social worker

Criteria/Catchment: Must have a learning disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Choice Support Outreach Service

Address1: 27 Barry Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE22 0JA

Phone: 0208 693 7889
Email: swkfs@care4free.net

Description: Local office of recognised charity providing community support and help with daily living for adults with a learning disability. Can accompany clients to meetings and appointments etc. Phone for further details.

Additional Info: Also see entry for Choice Support Head Office

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: East Dulwich

Referral: Usually via Social Services. Self referrals only if funding package can be arranged.

Criteria/Catchment: Mainly for Southwark residents, people from other areas considered.

Croydon Mencap

Address1: 60/61 Leslie Park Road
Town/City: Croydon
Postcode: CR0 6TP

Phone: 0208 662 9201
Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 662 9202

Description: Advice and support for adults and children with learning disabilities. Social club, children's centre, benefits advice, newsletter, occasional outings and events etc. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Elderly lunch club, Youth Club for 11-16 year olds

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Anybody with a learning disability using Croydon services

Fast Forward Youth Project

Address1: 19 Buller Close
Address2: Peckham Hill Street
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE15 6UJ

Phone: 0207 732 1847

Description: Services for people aged 11-30 with a learning disability. Various evening activities based on informal learning principles for people with mild to complex needs. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Range of evening educational projects

Additional Info: Part of Southwark Youth and Connexions service

Opening Hours: Phone during office hours for details of evening activities

Travel: Bus: Any bus to Peckham Hill Street

Referral: Usually via Social Services but also friends, family etc

Criteria/Catchment: Must be Southwark resident with a learning disability

Women Only sessions/services

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Hyde Housing Association - Brook Drive Project

Address1: 108 Brook Drive

Address2: Kennington

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE11 4TQ

Phone: 0207 820 0900

Website: <http://www.hyde-housing.co.uk>

Description: Housing and Outreach support for adults with learning disabilities in Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham. Phone for further details.

Additional Info: Limited disabled access, phone for details.

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle then 10 min walk / Buses: 3, 59, 159

Referral: Social Services Learning Disabilities Teams

Criteria/Catchment: Aged 18 plus

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Lambeth Mencap

Address1: 43 Knights Hill
Address2: West Norwood
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE27 OHS

Phone: 0208 655 7711
Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 655 7745
Email: admin@lambethmencap.org.uk

Description: Local organisation for people with learning difficulties. Range of services including: 1) CSS: home based support service 2) Friends: social activities and advocacy project 3) Breaks: carers respite project 4) Adult Home Placement Scheme: recruits and supports families/individuals willing to offer a home placement. Phone for details of all the above.

Additional Info: Applicants for home placement carers welcome from neighbouring boroughs

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm

Referral: Self or any other source

Criteria/Catchment: Some home support services available to Southwark residents through Social Services Disabilities Teams, other services Lambeth residents only.

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Learning Disabilities and Community Services (Formerly Only Connect)

Address1: Cambridge House
Address2: 131 Camberwell Road
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE5 0HF

Phone: 0207 701 0769 or 0207 701 3317
Other Numbers: Switchboard: 0207 703 5025 Fax: 0207 703 2903
Email: sherry.allan@cambridgehouseandtalbot.org.uk

Description: Services for adults and children with severe learning difficulties. After Schools Club, under 5's club, supervised crèche, holiday respite care scheme, life skills workshops, Butterfly Day Care Nursery, Arts workshops etc. Phone for details.

Special Interest Activities: Play and respite care service during Easter and Summer school holidays for 5-19 year-olds

Additional Info: After Schools and Arts Clubs run at Tuke and Cherry Gardens, Spa and Snowfields schools. Phone the office for further details.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR and Tube: Elephant and Castle then bus / Buses: 12, 35, 40, 42, 45, 68, 171, 176, 468

Referral: Self or other agencies

Criteria/Catchment: Residents of Southwark

Orient Street Respite Care

Address1: 19 Orient Street

Address2: Kennington

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE11 4SR

Phone: 0207 582 5907

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 582 5344

Description: Provide respite care for children and adults with a learning disability including people who also have a physical disability. Fully staffed 24 hour care.

Special Interest Activities: Variety of indoor and outdoor activities during client's stay.

Additional Info: Own minibus, transport sometimes possible by arrangement. Managed by Southwark Social Services.

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 7am-4pm

Travel: BR, Tube and Bus: Elephant and Castle

Referral: via Social Workers only

Criteria/Catchment: For Southwark residents with a learning disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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Queens Road Day Centre

Address1: 133/137 Queens Road

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE15 2ND

Phone: 0207 252 8276

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 639 3209

Email: patrick.moore@southwark.gov.uk

Description: Day service for adults with learning disabilities. Daily meals, help accessing local services including education and training opportunities and health services etc. Some outreach work, can refer on to housing and benefits advisors etc. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Various daytime activities including Arts, Music, Aromatherapy etc.

Additional Info: Funded by Southwark Social Services

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Referral: via Social Services or the Southwark Disabilities Service at 151 Walworth Road on 0207 525 2149

Criteria/Catchment: Southwark adults with learning disabilities

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

Southwark Community Project North

Address1: 42 Braganza Street
Address2: Kennington
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE17 3RJ

Phone: 0207 820 0445
Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 820 0451

Description: Provide community support for adults with a learning disability. Can accompany clients on social and educational activities. Transport to activities by arrangement. Phone for further details.

Additional Info: Managed by Southwark Social Services

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Travel: Tube and Bus: Kennington

Referral: Usually via Social Work teams

Criteria/Catchment: North Southwark residents aged 18 plus with a learning disability

Southwark Community Project South

Address1: c/o Fred Francis Centre
Address2: 269-281 Lordship Lane
Town/City: London
Postcode: SE22 8JG

Phone: 0207 525 2988
Other Numbers: Fax: 0208 693 8098

Description: Community support services for adults with a learning disability. Can accompany clients on social and educational activities. Transport to activities by arrangement. Phone for further details.

Additional Info: Managed by Southwark Social Services

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Travel: BR: East Dulwich / Buses: Any bus to Lordship Lane by junction Townley Road

Referral: Usually via Social Work teams

Criteria/Catchment: South Southwark residents aged 18 plus with a learning disability

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Southwark Community Team for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Address1: 121 Townley Road

Town/City: London

Postcode: SE22 8SW

Phone: 0208 693 3839

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 771 3635

Description: Multidisciplinary team providing Challenging Needs assessments, Speech and Language, Audiology, Physiotherapy/OT and Community Nursing services to adults with learning disabilities. Can see clients at home or in a community setting by arrangement. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Nurses can accompany clients to doctors appointment etc by arrangement.

Additional Info: Disabled clients can be seen in ground floor office.

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Travel: BR: East Dulwich / Buses: 40, 185, P13

Referral: Self or any other source. Phone for a referral form.

Criteria/Catchment: Southwark residents over 18 with IQ under 70

Toucan Employment

Address1: Unit 1, The Co-Op Centre

Address2: 11 Mowll Street

Town/City: London

Postcode: SW9 6BG

Phone: 0207 582 5981

Other Numbers: Fax: 0207 582 5982

Email: toucanemployment@btconnect.com

Description: Ongoing support into paid employment for people aged 16 plus with learning disabilities. Help to find and retain employment. Phone for further details.

Special Interest Activities: Occasional daytime job clubs, Carers support services etc

Opening Hours: Office: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

Travel: Tube: Oval / Buses: 3, 59, 133, 159

Referral: usually via Social Services or other agencies, self-referrals considered

Criteria/Catchment: Living in Southwark with a learning disability

Disabled Access - ramps, wide doorways, disabled toilet

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