



# Disability

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

- Using the DDA definition, there are estimated to be 80,000 disabled people living in Warwickshire, 19% of the over 16 population.
- All Warwickshire's districts and boroughs have lower proportions of their adult populations who are disabled than national and regional averages. In the County, North Warwickshire has the largest proportion of its adult population estimated to be disabled, at just below 22%.
- On 31st March 2011, 1,230 people were registered blind or severely sight impaired in Warwickshire, with 1,486 registered as partially sight impaired.
- Prevalence rates indicate Warwickshire's disabled children population to be between 3,750 and 6,750 (between 3% and 5.4% of all children).
- In January 2011, 19.7% of the Warwickshire school population were defined as having a special educational need (SEN). Nuneaton & Bedworth has the highest percentage (23.2%) with Rugby (19.5%) and Warwick (19.3%) having the next highest rates.
- Data on Disability Living Allowance claimants aged under 16 gives an indication of prevalence of disability among the population. Rugby has the highest rate of claimants (14%, 490 claimants) but Nuneaton & Bedworth has the highest number of claimants (700 claimants, 9%).
- Prevalence rates indicate that there are 9,310 people aged 14 and over in the County with some form of learning disability. This is projected to increase to 9,570 by 2015, with a reduction in numbers aged 14-18 but a large increase in those aged 65 and over.
- Within this group of 9,310 people, 220 people have profound and multiple learning disabilities and 1,560 people have severe learning disabilities. This means there are 1,780 with profound or severe learning disabilities. By 2015, this figure is predicted to rise to 1,830 with the increases occurring in the 65 and over age group.
- It is estimated that there are currently 8,050 people in Warwickshire aged between 18 and 64 with a serious physical disability, this is projected to increase to 8,600 by 2030.
- In 2010-2011, 1,480 people aged between 18 and 64 with a physical disability were assessed to need a funded social care service.
- In December 2011, 30% of social care customers with a learning disability and 9% of social care customers with a physical disability were living in residential or nursing care.

## Outcomes Sought

- Effective integrated working to promote early intervention
- Improved educational achievement so more children and young people are able to reach their true potential and gaps are narrowed between the attainment levels of vulnerable pupils and their peers
- Increased choice & control for all people with disabilities
- People with a disability are able to live a fulfilled life including accessing a range of community activities and are able to get paid employment
- People with a disability have a place of their own to live
- Better health and well-being for people with disabilities
- Carers of people with disabilities are supported to have a fulfilled life of their own
- Vulnerable children and adults are kept safe from harm including bullying and anti-social behaviour
- Transitions are managed, including from children's to adults services



## What are we going to do about this?

- Warwickshire Children and Young People's Plan
- 'A Good Life for Everyone' - Warwickshire's Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability 2011 – 2014
- A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens
- Putting People First
- Think Local Act Personal

## Who Needs to Know This?

- Commissioners of children and adult disability services
- Head teachers and GPs
- Third sector organisations supporting people with disabilities
- District and Borough practitioners, for example Housing officers

