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The newsletter for families with children with disabilities from the Children's Information Service

New service for children with disabilities

Hello everyone, welcome to our new newsletter for children and young people with specific needs or disabilities and their parents and carers.

It is part of a new service from Lincolnshire County Council, and has been part-funded by Lincolnshire NHS to keep families informed.

The Children's Information Service for Lincolnshire is responsible for this service and we are available Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm on our



Freephone number 0800 195 1635.

There are a range of services and information for all families, from childcare to leisure, family benefits to useful organisations.

For more details about the Children's Information Service see page 11.

Children Act Register

The CIS service incorporates the Children Act Register. The Children Act Register is used to help service planners develop services for children and young people with disabilities, and their families.

We are continually updating the Children Act Register, so thanks to those who have recently returned an update form.

Families who have a child or children on the Register will receive a welcome pack with leaflets and resources, an information booklet and our newsletter.

For more information about the Children Act Register or how to register, call us on our Freephone number or send an email to: CARregister@lincolnshire.gov.uk For more details see page 2.

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This information can be provided in another language or format. For all enquiries please contact 01522 782033.

Contact 4 Me

The **Contact4Me** service is really useful for lots of families. It is a Personal Emergency Database (PED) system that cuts the time it takes to contact next-of-kin in an emergency.

Contact4Me allows you to store up to 10 contact numbers (including your doctor's details) and any medical alerts in your own PED that can be accessed immediately by the emergency services.

In your membership pack you will receive a credit card size membership card containing your unique PED number, the web

address of Contact4Me and the emergency helpline contact number.

In addition, you will also receive a key fob, weatherproof sticker and an appropriate display holder for your home or car.

The service gives peace of mind for anyone of any age, and is useful for when children and young people are out and about.

For more information about membership costs and the service, phone **0870 389 2299** or **www.contact4me.com**

Carers in Touch

Carers in Touch is a service offered through "Yours" magazine, and aims to match parents and carers to others in similar circumstances.

Contact Carers in Touch with your name, address and brief details of the person you care for and a large self-addressed envelope.

All carers who write in will be added to a list which is regularly updated and posted out and carers can choose to contact who they wish.

Carers in Touch, *Yours*,
Bretton Court, Bretton Centre,
Peterborough,
PE3 8DZ.

We'd like to know what you think...

Children's Information Service is developing a range of information and resources for families with children and young people with disabilities and specific needs.

We would like your feedback about the sort of information YOU would like us to produce and about the things YOU would like to know.

Children's Information Service is also responsible for maintaining and developing the Children Act Register, and again would like your feedback about what would make you use the Register.

This could be resources, incentives, advertising ideas or something completely different.

Please return your feedback to: **CAR Co-ordinator, Children's Information Service, Customer Service Centre, Witham Park House, Waterside South, Lincoln, LN5 7JN**

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Information/resources I would like to have available:

What would make me use the Children Act Register:

