

About me

Since the age of 15 I have been involved in disability projects and services. Everything from community drama performances, disability dance, residential projects, and films. Although I have had other jobs, I always migrate back to supporting children and disabilities so have over 20 years experience of working with children and young people.

I have worked in Local Authorities since 2015, qualifying with a Masters in Social Work in 2017.

What I love about my job

For me, Disability Social Work is the best. Not only do I get to play games with children for a living, but I am able identify and implement support which can have a significant and positive impact on the lives of the whole family.

Three things in my house of good things

- My dog, Potter
- The veg I grow in the garden and then eat
- Jelly Bears

Three things in my house of worries

- That my kitchen roof will flood again even though it has been fixed
- Running out of Jelly bears
- Mice

Three things in my house of dreams

- Another dog
- Jelly bears
- Being able to grow flower without them dying

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Name: Dave Thomson

Role: Social Worker, Children with Disabilities Team



How I can help you

Together, I can support families to ensure that their disabled child is able to achieve their dreams and grow reach their full potential.

I use the law and statutory guidance to do this as well as local and national policy.

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About my role

As a social work, I work with some of the more complex children with disabilities. **My primary role is safeguarding. However, this can also include enabling the child to be safe.** This could include things like coordinating assessments for adaptations or specialist behaviours support to enable parents to support their disabled child to the best of their abilities, allow the children to continue living with family for as long as possible.

The children I work with range from 0- to 18-year-old. What this work looks like depends on the needs of the family. Every family is different with their own different dynamics, needs and complexities.

I work with families where the disability is primary complicating factor and where the disability has a significant impact on their lives. You can find out more about this in our eligibility criteria.

I will always promote and advocate for families to access the service that are right form them as well as provide information and advice.

I am committed to empowering the rights of children and young people with disabilities to fulfil their personal potentials, ambitions, and their roles in society.