

About me

I joined Bury Council in November 2020 as a Family Support Worker on the Children with Disabilities Team. I have previously worked in other Local Authorities working with Children with Disabilities & also Children on the Edge of Care.

What I love about my job

I love meeting and talking to Children/Young People & their families, making sure the support package in place is the right support for them.

Three things in my house of good things

- My family
- My 2 dogs
- The smell of clean washing

Three things in my house of worries

- Spiders
- Not being able to see my family
- The thought of my alarm not being set

Three things in my house of dreams

- See family in Ireland
- Going out for meals with friends
- Social Work degree

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Name: Rachel Lowndes

Role: Family Support Worker, Children with Disabilities Team



How I can help you

I review and monitor the financial support package in place for the Children and Young People I am allocated. I make 3 monthly telephone contact with families and see them every 6 months to complete a review and make sure the package is still meeting the needs of the child.

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About my role

As a Family Support Worker, my role is to review & monitor the financial support package in place for the children and young people I am allocated. I also attend the yearly EHCP reviews.

We work with families if that disability is complex having a significant impact on their lives, and the children or young people can't always do the ordinary things that another child or young person would do. You can find out more about this in our [eligibility criteria](#).

We work across a range of ages, we are a 0 to 18 year old service. The work we do depends on what the child or young person and their family need. Wherever possible all children and young people, with or without disabilities, should be supported to have their individual needs met by their family and by universal (available to everyone) and targeted services which are available in their local community.

Each family is different so if extra help is needed the social workers on the team meet children, young people and families, gather some information, and carry out an assessment. We work hard to make sure that we offer the right kind support and to you at the right time.

The team is committed to the rights of children and young people with disabilities to fulfil their personal potentials, ambitions and their roles in society.