

About me

I joined Bury Council in September 2021 as a Family Support Worker on the Children with Disabilities Team. I have years of experience working with Children and families, most recently working in a short breaks residential home for children and young people with autism and learning disabilities.

What I love about my job

I love supporting children, young people and their families, ensuring they have the right support in place that meets their needs and improves health and wellbeing.

Three things in my house of good things

- My Children
- My partner
- Lemon zing Zoflora

Three things in my house of worries

- Spiders and any other creepy crawlies
- Dirty clothes on the floor next to the washing basket 😞
- Not enough chocolate in the fridge

Three things in my house of dreams

- Happy and healthy family 😊
- Empty washing basket
- A puppy dog

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Name: Abbie McDermott

Role: Family Support Worker

Children with Disabilities Team



How I can help you

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

a.mcdermott@bury.gov.uk

About my role

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

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.