

Glossary of terms



Additional Needs

Children with additional needs is a broad term used to describe all those children at risk of poor outcomes as defined by the Green Paper, Every Child Matters. (The five Green Paper outcomes are: be healthy; stay safe; enjoy and achieve; make a positive contribution; and achieve economic well-being.)

An estimated 20-30 per cent of children have additional needs at some point in their childhood, requiring extra support from education, health or social services. This could be for a limited period, or on a long-term basis.

(www.everychildmatters.gov.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and attention deficit disorder (ADD) refer to a range of problem behaviours associated with poor attention span. These may include impulsiveness, restlessness and hyperactivity, as well as inattentiveness, and often prevent children from learning and socialising well. ADHD is sometimes referred to as hyperkinetic disorder.

(www.netdoctor.co.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Autistic spectrum disorder

Often referred to as autism, it is a lifelong developmental disability that affects the way a person communicates and relates to people around them.

(www.nas.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Blog

An abridgement of the term web log, it is a website, usually maintained by an individual or group with regular entries of commentary.

(www.en.wikipedia.org Accessed 12.06.08)

Breathing Spaces

UK wide Big Lottery Fund small grants programme developed in partnership with the BBC, giving funding for small groups improving the local environment.

(www.biglottery.org.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Care Standards and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)

Its role is to assess whether social care and early years services are of the quality that the citizens of Wales have a right to expect. It encourages providers to achieve the appropriate standards and levels of quality and act to safeguard the interests of service users.

(www.new.wales.gov.uk/cssiwsite/cssiwsite Accessed 26/06/08)

Children In Need

A charity set up to positively change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. It provides grants for projects helping disadvantaged children and young people.

(www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants Accessed 13.06.08)

Children's Information Service

These information services provide information about childcare as well as a range of additional information in each local authority area.

Children's University

An innovative and fast-growing scheme which rewards participation in out of school hours activities; it is part of a national network of Children's University projects headed by Children's University Cymru.

(www.cardiff.gov.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

An independent charity established in 1999 and dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Britain's coalfield communities.

(www.coalfields-regen.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Coed Cymru

All Wales initiative to promote the management of broadleaf woodlands and the use of locally grown hardwood timber in Wales.

(www.coedcymru.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Communities First Trust Fund

A scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government aimed at small community led organisations in Communities First areas in Wales.

(www.communitiesfirst.info Accessed 13.06.08)

Communities@One

Helps people in the most disadvantaged communities in Wales get access to new technology so they can fulfil their social, economic and cultural potential.

(www.new.wales.gov.uk)

Community Focused Schools

A community focused school is one that provides a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day to meet the needs of its pupils, their families and wider community.

(www.wales.gov.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Company limited by guarantee

See section on Management Models in Clubs.

Complex needs

Children with complex needs have a number of discrete needs - relating to their health, education, welfare, development, home environment and so on - that require additional support from more than one agency.

(www.everychildmatters.gov.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Concessionary Fares Transport

A concessionary bus fares scheme that offers discounted travel on local public transport for older and disabled people.

(www.dft.gov.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)

An Executive Agency of the Home Office which provides wider access to criminal record information through its Disclosure service, which enables organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to make safer recruitment decisions by identifying candidates who may be unsuitable for certain work, especially that involve children or vulnerable adult. Many voluntary organisations in Wales access this service free through the WCVA's Criminal Records Unit www.wcva-cru.org.uk

(www.crb.go.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Dim Problem

Student volunteering service associated with Aberystwyth University.

(www.dimprob.org.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Disability

Physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

- 'Physical impairment' includes sensory impairments
- 'Mental impairment' includes learning difficulties and an impairment resulting from or consisting of a mental illness
- 'Substantial' means 'more than minor or trivial'
- 'Long-term' is defined as 12 months or more

(www.teachernet.gov.uk (also is part of DDA 2005) Accessed 12/06/08)

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A voluntary, non-competitive and flexible programme of cultural and adventurous activities for all young people whatever their background or ability.

(www.theaward.org.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP)

EYDCPs in local authority areas consist of people, agencies and organisations working in partnership to enhance the care, education and development of all children within the local authority area.

Forest School Wales

The organisation was set up to encourage and inspire individuals of any age and ability to grow in self-esteem, self confidence and independence by achieving at small achievable tasks, using the outdoor environment for learning and to promote understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

(www.forestschoolwales.org.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Holiday Club

Holiday clubs run in the daytime during school holidays in order to ensure that children are well cared for whilst parents are in work.

(www.clybiauplantcymru.org Accessed 12/06/08)

Inclusion

The term recognises every individual's right to be treated equally, and to be accorded the same services and opportunities as everyone else.

(www.disabilityresources.org Accessed 13.06.08)

Integration

The term is often used synonymously with mainstreaming to encompass efforts to move children from segregated classes into the mainstream.

(www.disabilityresources.org Accessed 13.06.08)

Local voluntary alliance

Also known as voluntary service, voluntary council, council for voluntary services. Support organisation that help individuals and community groups set up and develop new projects that meet the need of the local community and enhance quality of life.

(www.wcva.org.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

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Menter iaith

Voluntary organisation working in partnership with communities to promote the Welsh language.

(www.menteriaith.org.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Millennium Volunteers

A UK wide initiative designed to promote and recognise volunteering among young people aged 16-24

(www.wcva.org.uk/volunteering Accessed 12/06/08)

Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin (MYM)

A voluntary organisation which aims to give every young child in Wales the opportunity to benefit from early years services and experiences through the medium of Welsh

(www.mym.co.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

National Children's Homes (NCH)

A charitable organisation that helps the most vulnerable children and young people in the UK break through injustice, deprivation and inequality, so they can achieve their full potential

(www.nch.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

NNEB

An NNEB diploma in nursery nursing is a nationally recognised qualification, which covers the childcare and education of children ages of 0-7.

(www.cwdcouncil.org.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Out Of School Club

An out of school club is a club that runs either side of the school day and often during school holidays.

(www.clybiauplantcymru.org Accessed 12/06/08)

Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)

Helps to develop communication, particularly in children with an autistic spectrum disorder or learning difficulties.

(www.callcentre.education.ed.ac.uk Accessed 16.06.08)

Playgroups

Community-based groups of parents and pre-school children who meet for creative play and socialisation.

Signalong

A sign-supporting system based on British Sign Language designed to help children and adults with communication difficulties mostly associated with learning disabilities.

(www.signalong.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Snap Cymru

It provides information and support to families of children and young people who have or may have special educational needs. It also provides a mediation service to authorities and training to professionals, colleges and individuals in all aspects of the special educational needs decision making process.

(www.snapcymru.org Accessed 13.06.08)

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

A legal definition, referring to children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn or access education than most children of the same age.

(www.direct.gov.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Special Needs

The term most widely used to describe children with moderate developmental delay or behavioral difficulties.

(www.surestart.gov.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Special School

A school that is just for children with a statement of special educational needs whose needs cannot be met within a mainstream provision.

(www.dfes.gov.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Statutory Organisations

These are established, regulated or imposed by or in conformity with laws passed by a legislative body, for example Parliament.

(www.wcva.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Voluntary Management Committee

See section on Management Models in Clubs.

Voluntary organisations

A collection of individuals who work together to undertake certain activities for the benefit of the community.

(www.wcva.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)

Volunteering

A commitment of time and energy for the benefit of society and the community. It is undertaken free and by choice.

(www.wcva.org.uk/volunteering Accessed 12/06/08)

Welsh Baccalaureate

A qualification for students in Wales 14-19, combining personal development with existing qualifications like A levels, NVQs and GCSEs to make one wider award that is valued by employers and universities.

(www.welshbaccalaureate.org.uk Accessed 12/06/08)

Wrap around provision

Sometimes used to refer to care provided for children ages three and four years old directly before and/or after an early years education place.

Ymlaen Ceredigion

Supports development which is led by local communities and fulfils their social, economic and environmental needs, now and in the future.

(www.ymlaenceredigion.org.uk Accessed 13.06.08)