

An Ordinary Life

Improving the quality of life or care for children dependent on medical technology

Technology dependent children need 24-hour, long term care. These children have multiple disabilities and medical needs so are often in hospital for long periods of time. While their medical needs are often well attended to, their social, emotional and developmental needs are often not prioritised.

An Ordinary Life is a new, three year project run by the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities. An Ordinary Life will apply person-centred planning approaches in order to put the child at the heart of their own care, and for the family as a whole to be supported to develop a personalised, holistic package of support which will improve their quality of life.

Many children and young people dependent on medical technology are unable to do ordinary things like going to the local leisure centre or visiting friends and family.

We are striving to make these simple things in life, that others take for granted, achievable for this group of children and young people.

The project will involve talking to families who are already benefiting from person centred approaches and receiving a Personal Health Budget or Personal Budget. We will also speak with health and social care professionals who are working in areas where more flexible services are available.

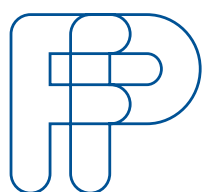
Using the learning from these interviews, we will support families from five pilot sites around England by enabling them to try practical approaches that meet the needs of that particular family, with the ultimate aim of the project being to develop good practice guidelines.



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