

# Disabled Children's Outreach Service - D C O S

## Description

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The Disabled Children's Outreach Service (DCOS), is a community based, therapeutic interventions team sitting within the Children with Disabilities Team at Tower Hamlets Children Social Care.

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## Additional Information

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DCOS support families who have children and young people with behaviour that is challenging to understand and manage due to diagnosed developmental difficulties, disabilities and/or complex lifelong physical health needs. DCOS is a small multidisciplinary team comprised of an occupational therapist, dance and movement psychotherapist, sleep therapist and family therapist.

DCOS works closely alongside children's social workers, schools and health care providers and seeks to promote environments that are enabling and empowering to neurodiversity and physical differences in all its forms.

DCOS supports children and families on an individual basis following referrals from professionals, as well as joining and running several community based groups, such as Stay and Play sessions and parent coffee mornings.

In order to meet the criteria for referral, a child/ren must already be receiving a service from the children with disabilities services within Tower Hamlets children's social care, not already be open to CAMHS and have a diagnosed disability meeting either the A or B criteria below:

#### Group A:

Children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (who also have severe learning disabilities or behaviour which is challenging) or those children and young people whose challenging behaviour is associated with severe learning disabilities or Global Developmental Delay.

#### Group B:

Children and young people with complex health needs including those with physical and/or learning disabilities, those who require palliative care (continuing care) and

## Suitable for ages

### Age of Users

From **5 years** to **18 years**

## Costs

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Free

those with associated sensory impairments. Complex health needs includes children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex and severe medical needs who may also have an additional physical and/or sensory impairment.

Referrals should be made by professionals supporting the child and/or parents. Self-referrals are not accepted.

Contact details for professionals wishing to make a referral or who would like to discuss a potential referral, can email the team at [DCOS.referral@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:DCOS.referral@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

\*Professionals must have consent from parents/carers prior to making any referrals.

## Questions & Answers

**Can Families Self-Refer To The Service?** No

**Do You Have A Waiting List?** No

**Do You Have Child Protection Policies And Procedures** Yes

**Eligibility - Can The Service Be Accessed By Extended Family Members Or Carers** Yes

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## Further Information

Provider Type	Suitable For	Delivery Channels	Referral Criteria
SEND	Learning Difficulties: Moderate To Severe Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Long Term Medical Conditions   Neurological Conditions	Other	Integrated Service For Disabled Children

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### Provider

**SEND**

Disabled Children's Outreach Team And Children With Disabilities Social Care Team

## Contact Details

### Email Address

[dcos.referral@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:dcos.referral@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

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## Address Details

### Street Number

Tower Hamlets Town Hall

### Street

160 Whitechapel Road

### Postcode

E1 1BJ

## Opening Times

<b>Monday</b>	from 09:00	to 17:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	from 09:00	to 17:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	from 09:00	to 17:00
<b>Thursday</b>	from 09:00	to 17:00
<b>Friday</b>	from 09:00	to 17:00

## Similar Organisations

Sleep Management

Contact - Feeding And Eating

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity

Potty/toilet Training

Children With Disabilities (CWD) Team