

Disability strategy fails to level up for disabled children

We welcome the government's stated ambition that disabled children and young people should have the same opportunities as their nondisabled peers. However, the strategy doesn't reflect the full lives of disabled children or their families. There is no recognition of health and care services that children and families need, how these interact with education, access to therapies and other aspects of day to day life. Once again children and families have to wait for the long delayed SEND review for more answers. Disabled children and their families cannot wait any longer; the government must back up its strategy now with action and investment to help families recover from the pandemic and address longstanding shortfalls in funding and provision across education, health and social care.

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