



# **Policy Statement Protecting Disabled Children from Harm**

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“Children with Disabilities have the right to be protected from Harm”

## **North Lincolnshire will:**

- Identify, and offer early intervention to children with disabilities and their families in order to build family resilience and reduce the additional pressures of their caring role, and/ or their additional needs.
- Equip staff to understand the complexities and additional vulnerabilities faced by Children with disabilities.
- Equip young people with disabilities, and their families to feel confident to raise concerns regarding their care in order to keep themselves safe.
- Support Children with disabilities to express their views to enable them to be fully involved in decisions regarding their lives.
- Equip staff to be able to effectively seek the views of children with complex health needs and disabilities utilising a range of differential communication methods.
- Respect the views of children with disabilities and work collaboratively to ensure they maintain choice and control in respect of their care.
- Ensure effective systems are in place to protect children with disabilities when accessing externally commissioning services.
- Maintain effective and challenging multi-agency oversight of how well disabled children are protected from harm.
- Respect and support the need for informed choice, and dignity within end of life planning whilst ensuring the plan remains child focused.