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Today we have launched a new campaign, calling on local councils across England to **#CountDisabledChildrenIn** when they are deciding their budgets for disabled children's social care and other support.

Can you join the campaign and email your local council leader?

[Email your council](#)

Disabled children and families have a human right to a level of health and care support to live a good quality of life, and have the same opportunities as any other family.

But these right are being undermined by a system that's been underfunded for years.

Backlogs in services are huge. Too many families have to fight for basic legal entitlements like short breaks, health services and Education, Health and Care Plans. The pandemic has just made these problems so much worse.

This Spring, councils in England will be deciding their budgets for disabled children's services. With central government announcing no dedicated funding for services in last Autumn's budget, **we must now push our councils to use some of their budgets for families with disabled children** - to right years of injustices.

[Send a message to your council](#)



There is a funding gap of
OVER £2 BILLION
in disabled children's health and care.

**UNMET NEED IS RISING,
BACKLOGS ARE GROWING.**

Demand a change. Message your local council to **#CountDisabledChildrenIn**

The public agree more needs to be done. New polling by Opinium, commissioned by the DCP, found that only 18% of the public think that families with disabled children get the right support from councils and health services.

Once you've [taken this action](#), we'll send you a campaign toolkit with loads of other ways to get involved to do your own campaigning locally. From lobbying your local councillors, to sending press releases for local newspapers, there are so many ways to get involved with the new **#CountDisabledChildrenIn** campaign.

Let's stand up for disabled children in our local areas.

All the best,

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