Cyflwynwyd yr ymateb hwn i'r Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ar gyfer yr ymchwiliad: A oes gan blant a phobl ifanc anabl fynediad cyfartal at addysg a gofal plant?

This response was submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for the inquiry: Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

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Ymateb gan: Unigolyn
Response from: Individual

From my experience, no disabled children do not have equal access to childcare.

I have [redacted] daughters, [redacted] My [redacted] year old needs 1:1 care, sometimes 2:1. We previously accessed [redacted] but for the last number of years we have not received this provision even after notifying our social worker multiple times. After school club was provided at [redacted] 4 times last year. Our social worker said it was not granted for our daughter again because she did not engage with the sessions. This is a provision at a SEN school!! Summer school at [redacted] was only provided for some secondary aged pupils last year. We found some childcare help at "The big house" last Summer in Penygraig, which closed its doors in September.

Provisions for childcare are just not available. We have had to get to crisis point before any help (the big house) was provided over the summer.

We currently take our [redacted] year old to the Saturday social club in the [redacted] (30 mins drive) every other week paid by direct payments. I don't understand why more of these places can't be build throughout RCT? The amount of people who cannot get PAs for ASD children are significant, we would happily pay for our children to access services. As we do our non- ASD children.

Thank you,

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