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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

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Dear Sir /Madam

My name is [REDACTED] and I have a [REDACTED] year old son [REDACTED]. I am a [REDACTED] resident of 18 years having moved here for university in 2005.

I am emailing you because I having great difficulty accessing early years education for my son, who should be entitled to 12 hours in total but instead gets just 5. I am also unable to access childcare of which he is entitled to 17 hours but instead gets none.

In brief [REDACTED] began attending [REDACTED] in April 2022. Staff expressed concerns he had additional needs and referred him to [REDACTED] early years inclusion unit in June 2022. He had two observations over the course of the year but in January 2023 the manager called me in telling me [REDACTED] needed 1:2:1 support which they were unable to provide and asked me to look elsewhere for nursery provision.

In February 2023 I enrolled [REDACTED] nursery school in [REDACTED]. Again he struggled. I was advised to put him on a reduced timetable of 1 hour a day, which I agreed to as I felt it was this or nothing. By this point I had suffered a breakdown with the stress of it all so was not in a position to contest. No other support was offered so I formally requested an IDP for him in May this year. I am awaiting the outcome

I have contacted private nursery providers to see if he could do some additional sessions in the afternoons but none get back to me when I am honest about his needs.

I am left doing a full time job on 5 hours childcare a week. [REDACTED] is missing out on the early years foundation phase he's entitled to. He spends large parts of his days underestimated in front of screens as I have no other way of keeping him occupied so he doesn't cause disturbance while I take work calls, many of which are of a sensitive nature. I work with victims of domestic violence and modern day slavery.

As a full time working parent I am reaching crisis point. I have no family members who can care for [REDACTED] I cannot use a childminder as [REDACTED] is impulsive around roads and runs very fast and there is a high risk he would run into a road and a childminder be unable to catch him.

I own my own home with a mortgage. I cannot stop work as won't be entitled to benefits.

[REDACTED] I fear is deteriorating and will not cope with reception in 15 months, an expected day of 6 hours.

Therefore in response to your research question it is a resounding no.

Disabled and ALN children do not have equal (or any in my case) access to education and childcare.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]