

External training opportunities

We want our staff to feel equipped to look after any child or young person who they might meet and we focus on providing you with a variety of skills that will enable you to do this. Challengers view every child or young person as an individual and for this reason we don't feel that we are necessarily the experts in specific disabilities or conditions. If you are interested in finding out more about specific impairments, we have identified the following free external training online courses/websites which will provide you with more training and information:

- [Disability Matters](#) has several free e-learning courses in topics such as Autism, Learning Disabilities and much, much more. The training topics have been divided into six sections on the left sidebar.
- [KIDS Learning Zone](#) offers courses on variety of topics directed at people working with disabled kids and young adults. You need to create a login to access the courses, some of which are free.
- [Safeguarding Children e-Academy](#) offers a free course on Type 1 Diabetes Awareness to help you understand the condition and how to support children with diabetes.

We are also currently looking at how to best support Makaton training, and improve the communication skills of our teams and we intend to review this workshop in the upcoming months. The 'gold-plated' version would be to have a Makaton Trainer provide regular training but for now this is out of our reach. In the meantime the [Makaton website](#) includes free guides for selected Makaton signs. You can also find other resources and information on their website.

If you have any questions about external training opportunities, please contact Aino Raymond on 01483 230 587 or email AinoRaymond@disability-challengers.org.