

Disability Support

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Introducing Disability Support

- We sit within the Student Experience Directorate and support any undergraduate or postgraduate student disclosing a disability.
- We work closely with colleagues across the University as part of the holistic approach to student support at Durham.
- 3 x Disability Support Administrators
- 9 x Disability Advisers
- Head of Disability Support



We are a dedicated and collaborative team supporting students across the University

What is a disability?



Equality Act 2010

'A condition that has a substantial and long-term, adverse impact on a person's ability to carry out normal, day-to-day activities.'

Substantial = more than minor or trivial

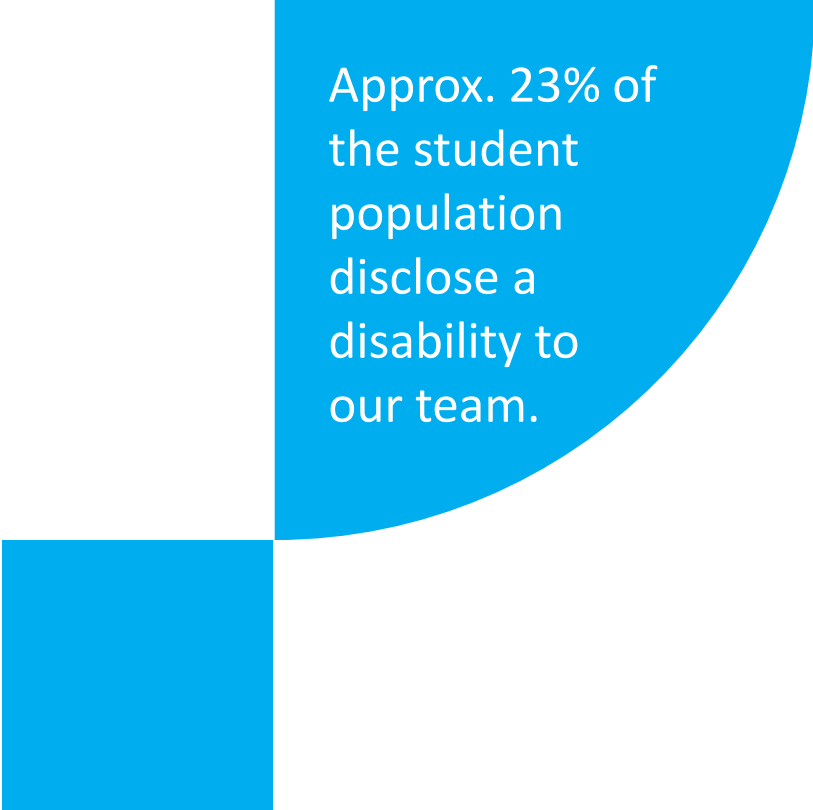
Long-Term = lasting or expected to last more than 12 months

Normal day-to-day activities = everyday activities like eating, washing, shopping, walking... and studying.

Who do we work with?

Students we support may disclose:

- A long-standing mental health condition
- Mental health issues related to an identified disability or physical health condition
- ADHD
- Autism
- SpLD
- Sight loss / Hearing loss
- A long-term medical/health condition
- Students may also be in the process of obtaining a diagnosis for an ongoing condition and would like more information.



Approx. 23% of the student population disclose a disability to our team.

What support can we offer?

Examples of the support we can set in place whilst at Durham:

- An individual Disability Support Plan, shared with your department and college, to summarise the support you may need.
- Library support, such as the opportunity to book a private study space.
- Alternative arrangements for examinations, where appropriate.
- Support with applying for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA), if appropriate.

An Adviser can arrange to meet you to discuss your support needs within your learning environment.

Planning for Year Abroad

- Please inform your department of your disability/long term condition early.
- Contact host University Disability /Well-being Service or the company HR department.
- Remember you can still access university support services.
- Having a DSP in place before leaving can help as you can share this with your placement/university in advance of arriving.

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- Please inform your department of your disability/long term condition early.
- Do you require on going medication or treatment/therapy?
- How will this be provided abroad?
- Speak to current provider in good time to arrange any transfer
- Think about travelling and storage of medication

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How do I get support in place?

- Check out our webpage: [How to arrange support - Durham University](#)
- Book an Appointment to discuss individual queries or support available.
- Support is available at any stage of your studies.



How to contact us

There are several ways to speak to us:

- **Email:** disability-support@durham.ac.uk
- **Phone:** 0191 3348115
- **Call in!** Palatine Centre, Lower Mountjoy

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