INTRODUCTION

This Open Learning Resource has been designed as a pack for you, to work through as part of your training and development in working with disabled people. It is designed to facilitate your work by providing you with information about working with disabled people. It is also designed to inform the careers guidance you provide, by giving you information about the implications of a disability and how it can be managed in work, education and training.
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The pack is not designed to be read all at once. You can dip in and out of the information contained in here and look up the sections most relevant to your work. There are activities and action points to help you test your own learning and development. You can also write down local contacts for the most appropriate organisations and people at certain points throughout the resource. This is to enable you to build up an excellent bank of contacts and resources to help you to refer disabled people to the right places.

We hope you enjoy learning more about working with disabled people and find this resource a useful accompaniment to your service.
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This section introduces the general information you may need to work with or advise disabled people. It introduces the general principles of working with disabled people as well as some information on the implications of specific impairments.

By the end of this section you will:

- Have an idea of what terminology is preferable
- Understand the social and medical models of disability
- Know the general principles of working with disabled people
- Understand the implications of different impairments and conditions
- Have built up a bank of local and national contacts