



Second, any new application will need persuasive evidence to demonstrate that the proposed service will comply with the current guidance, "Registering the Right Support" and "Building the Right Support". You should obtain strong evidence of client, family and commissioner support. You must demonstrate that the service will support the local population, that people are enthusiastic about living there, and that commissioners see a strong need for it.

Lastly, if your client group has unusual or significant needs, you will need to explain how the proposed service will support them to live as others (without disabilities) do. It will be particularly important to demonstrate how they will be supported to engage in a meaningful way with their community. CQC can sometimes have a very narrow idea of what community engagement means (usually, walking to the shops). Although this does not fit with many people's idea of community engagement, it seems to be the yardstick against which most applications are measured. If popping to the shops is not possible for your clients then you will need to demonstrate how you will support people to be actively involved in their community.



In sum, making an application to register a new service can be harder than expected. Putting in the effort at the front end may save you the hassle and delay that comes with rejection.



For advice on Registering a service for people with learning disabilities or autism, please get in touch with **Mei-Ling Huang**, Partner in the Health & Social Care team at Royds Withy King.



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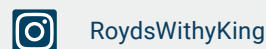




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