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**ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN BRITAIN COVERED BY
THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1995)**

The Department for Work and Pensions has adopted the estimate of around 700,000 children in Britain covered by the Disability Discrimination Act (1995). The source of this estimate is the Family Resources Survey 2002/03.

This estimate complements the estimate of around 10 million adults in Britain covered by the DDA, also produced by the FRS 2002/03.

This estimate will be updated annually, at the same time as the estimate of adults covered by the DDA.

Notes to editors:

1. The Department for Work and Pensions issued a Ministerial Press Release, outlining the Department's response to the findings of the 'Review of disability estimates and definitions' (DWP In-House report 128) on 31st March 2004.
2. This estimate (around 700,000) includes all persons aged under 16 years and those aged 16-18 years who are unmarried, in full-time non-advanced education and live at home.

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