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We have a daughter, Kate, 24 years old who has down syndrome and we have been her carer for 24 years.

24 years later I find attending disability meetings simply too depressing. We have not had to "fight" for every service for our other 3 sons as we have had to do for our daughter Kate.

It is an emotional journey that is ongoing for all parents of children with a disability.

Now in Albury we want and need supported accommodation for our daughter Kate as we are nearly 60 years old and Kate needs her life and we need ours.

It has taken 25 years for an adult respite house in the Albury area. I'm afraid it may take 25 years to get supported accommodation for young adults with a disability.

Yours Sincerely

Mick and Terry