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We are very proud of our achievements during 2010-2011, which we believe have made a real difference to the quality of life of our residents, businesses and visitors. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our key equalities achievements and outcomes during 2010-2011.

Queen’s Park Sports Centre has launched a range of gym sessions and classes for children aged 8 to 15 years as part of the national Childhood Obesity campaign. Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Chesterfield Borough Council have joined forces in opening a community midwifery base at the Healthy Living Centre to give mums to be wider access to pregnancy services along with the healthy lifestyle activities offered at the centre.

The first Changing Places facility in Chesterfield has been installed in Queens Park Sports Centre with funding from the Council and Leonard Cheshire Disability. The Changing Places facility enables people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, and people with physical disabilities to use the facilities comfortably. Changing Places facilities include extra features and more space to meet these needs, for example, a changing bench, a tracking or mobile host, adequate space for carers to assist and a non-slip floor.

The PAN Disability Football Sessions continue to be a success. Approximately 15 young people aged 8 to 16 years attend the sessions at Queens Park Sports Centre each week. The sessions are led by volunteers provided by Chesterfield Football in the Community and Somersall Rangers. In order to develop and sustain these sessions, the Council is working with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to secure £20,000 from the Football League Trust to support the sessions, train more volunteers, deliver after school sessions for students with special educational needs, work with specialist schools, and to develop an Adult Pan Disability club. The funding if successful will be spent over a two year period, building on the current success.

We have been supporting local clubs and projects to enhance sport and physical activity provision for disabled people through the North Derbyshire Disability Sports Network. NDDSN is a constituted group of representatives from the public, private and voluntary sector in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. The group provides advice, training, funding and marketing to enable the success of projects across the three districts. For example, the Chesterfield PAN Disability Football sessions.

Chesterfield Borough Council has also been working in partnership with North East Derbyshire District Council to coordinate the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Sports Awards. These annual awards celebrate local talented athletes, and include an award for Disabled Sportsperson of the Year and Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year.