Stratford Sharks are now the CSW Hub Disability Club. Their role will be to assess disabled swimmers in the CSW area and signpost them to their most appropriate exit route.

Swimmers are categorised into three groups A B C, depending on their disability and they have to complete a 30 minute assessment appropriate to their needs.

**Swimmer Groups**

Group A – Severe Motor Difficulties

* Quadriplegia, Tetraplegia or multiple amputee / dysmelia (all four limbs affected) e.g. Cerebral Palsy, spinal Cord injury, Polio, Arthrogryposis
* Any other severe impairments

Group B – Moderate Impairments

* Wheelchair Users ( two limbs affected) e.g. Cerebral Palsy, Spinal Cord Injury, Polio, Spina Bifida
* Achondroplasia – restricted growth i.e. dwarfism
* Hemiplegia – affects predominately one side
* Double amputees / dysmelia
* Visual impaired since birth no functional vision
* Any other moderate impairments

Group C – Minimal Impairments

* Single limb amputee / dysmelia
* Single limb paralysis or severe joint restriction
* Visual impairments
* Hearing impairments
* Learning Disability
* Any other with minimal impairment

***Simmers in Group A may need specialist support an initially just be signposted to the West Mids Squad***

**Assessment & Signposting**

The club will be assessing swimmers on the first Saturday of every month at Stratford Leisure Centre 12.00 noon to 13.00pm. Each assessment takes approx. 30 minutes. If you have any clients on your programmes that are not involved in disability swimming, could you please make them aware of the current opportunities. To book an assessment they will need to contact the club by email [disability@stratfordsharksasc.co.uk](mailto:disability@stratfordsharksasc.co.uk). Or you can contact Lisa Bird on 07766244365 I have also attached a club flyer for your information

**The club then signpost the swimmer as follows**

1. Participation Swimming Lessons – this means that the swimmer at this time does not have the times to join a local swimming club. Stratford will signpost them to their closest ASA learn to swim scheme if they are not already having swimming lessons.
2. Club Swimming – This means that the swimmer has the times for their age & disability to join a local ASA Swimming Club.
3. Fast Track – Swimmers would be signposted to their local ASA swimming club but would also be identified to the national talent team, who would fast track their classification

Swimmers in group 2 & 3 will also be invited to join the West Midlands Regional Disability Squad, who have a weekly training session at different pools within the region.

The following primary conditions **do not** meet the classification eligibility criteria

ADHD Epilepsy Aspergers Haemophilia Asthma

Autistic Spectrum Cystic Fibrosis Scoliosis Transplants Hydrocephalus Obesity Diabetes Dyspraxia