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SBITC Disability programme began Oct 2008

AIM OF PROGRAMME

“ To create opportunities for every child and adult with a disability to play football across Coventry and Warwickshire”

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SCHOOLS /FE PROGRAMME

Deliver weekly football coaching/activity to 12 special schools in Coventry and Warwickshire for children with disabilities. 200+ children involved

Monthly Special Schools league held at the Alan Higgs centre in partnership with Birmingham County FA. 162 Children with disabilities participating

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SCHOOLS /FE PROGRAMME

Deliver weekly football coaching sessions for Henley College students aged 16 – 19.

The team competes in the 7-a-side British Colleges Ability Counts League. Winners of league also represented West Midlands at National Championships finishing runners-up

Deliver weekly football sessions for adults with learning disabilities from Grapevine

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EXIT ROUTES

Ability Counts centre for children with disabilities ages 10 – 17 at Henley College every Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm

Ability Counts centre for children with disabilities ages 5 – 11 held weekly at Coundon Court school in partnership with Coventry Short Breaks.

Holiday programme for children with disabilities in partnership with Coventry Short breaks.

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EXIT ROUTES

Created 3 Coventry City Ability Counts teams at U12, U16 and Adult levels competing in the Birmingham Ability Counts league.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Schools Sports Partnerships

Short Breaks

Extended Services

Henley College

British Colleges Sport

The Football Foundation

Birmingham County FA

The Football Association

Other FITC Schemes



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MAKE EVERY PLAYER COUNT

Create coaching opportunities for Children and young adults by:-

Educating 30 Young Adults with disabilities to become qualified Level One Football Coaches

Educating 48 children with disabilities to become qualified Junior Football Organisers

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MAKE EVERY PLAYER COUNT

Create training /playing opportunities for women and girls with disabilities

Create training / playing opportunities for children with Cerebral Palsy

Create training / playing opportunities for children who are blind or partially sighted

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Programmes

LTPD
Coach Mentoring

- County
- Regional
- National

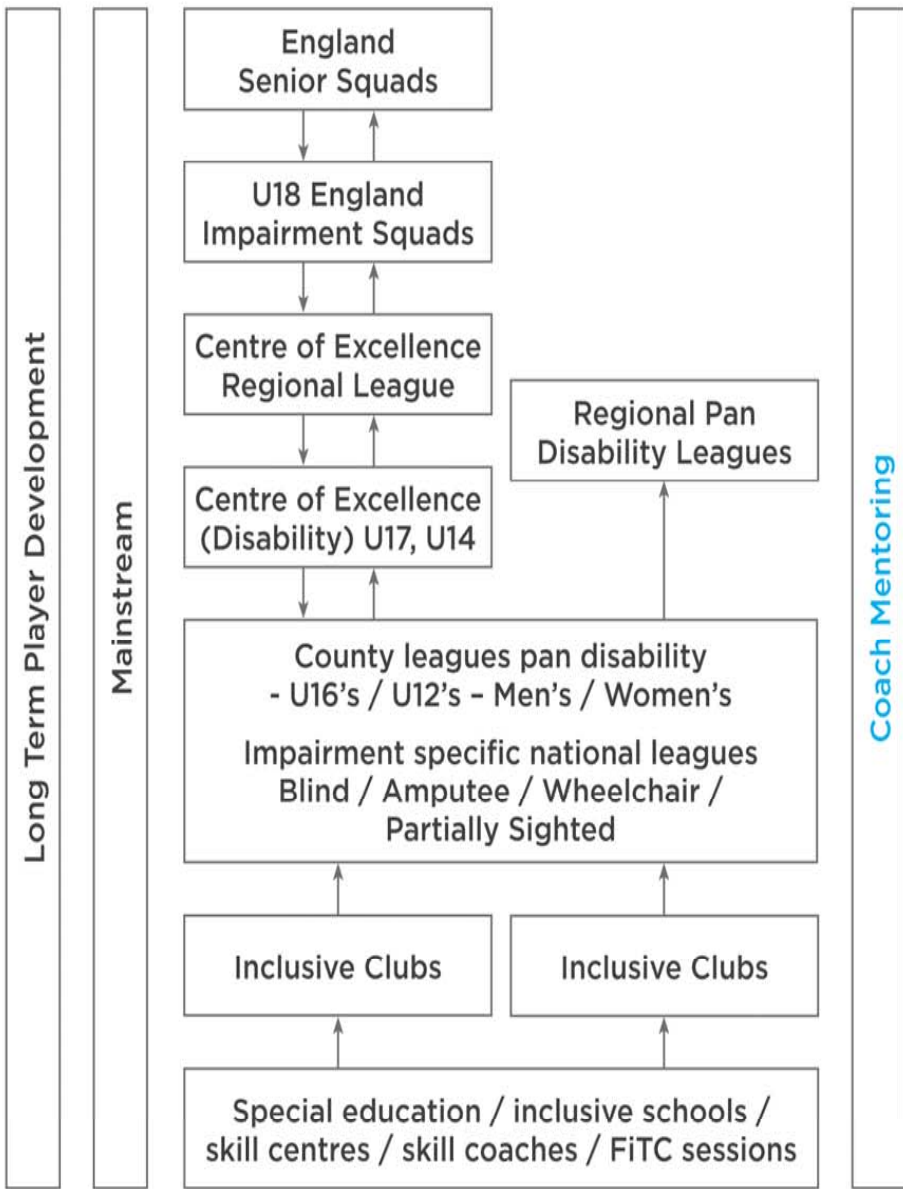
Paralympic

- Dream it
- Believe it
- Achieve it

Ability Counts
Inclusive clubs

FiTC
Young leadership
CS Schools
USHL
Ability Counts
School-club links

Disability Player Pathway



Competition Structure

Paralympics
World / European
Championships

Home Country
Championships

Regional Centre of
Excellence Leagues

Regional League

County Leagues
National Impairment
Specific League

County League

Special Ed Leagues
- Competition
Framework

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DREAM IT

BELIEVE IT

ACHIEVE IT



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“Coventry City’s disability programme is a beacon of good practice in the West Midlands. They provide a wealth of playing and coaching opportunities for disabled players and enable participants to reach their potential from recreational football to the elite”

Jeff Davis – National Development Manager
(Disability)

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