

Appendix One Summary of on line responses to Short Break Consultation

Total no. of responses = 39, including 13 not receiving Short Breaks (Not all respondents answered all questions)

36 respondents have one child with a disability, 3 respondents have 2 children with a disability

0 respondents children with a disability are aged 0 – 4

12 respondents children with a disability are aged 5 – 10

10 respondents children with a disability are aged 11 - 15

5 respondents children with a disability are aged 16 – 18

Provision Type	Overnight Short Breaks	Group based Short Breaks	One to one Short Break Care (Childminding)	Direct Payments	Community Outreach	Obvious gaps
No. children accessing	7	11	5	12	1	
Comments	All said they preferred these breaks within a residential children's home environment 1 asked for an evening sitting service	7 said they are satisfied for the Council to make arrangements for their group based provision 4 noted they might like to make their own arrangements	2 asked for evening childminding services 3 asked for overnight childminding services 1 asked for weekend childminding services. NB. <i>This service is already available</i>	11 said there are not sufficient community services to purchase with direct payments	This parent feels that the Outreach support worker knows the needs of their child well and understands the outcomes desired for the child and knows about local community provision	13 parents said there are gaps in our Short break provision 7 parents said there are no obvious gaps in Short Break provision

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	Hollybank was reported by most as the best venue for their child due to the skills of staff, complexity of child's needs and/or access to specialist equipment	4 are satisfied with the times/days that the group based provision runs 7 would like alternative times/days	3 said they would be willing to travel to an out of borough childminder 2 said they would not be willing to travel to an out of borough childminder	8 said they do not regard community services as being safe for their children 3 said they do regard community services as being safe for their children		
	Most parents are satisfied with the Council making arrangements for these overnight breaks, with 2 parents noting they might like to make their own arrangements	2 requested longer days during holiday periods to provide childcare for working parents		7 would like to be able to use direct payments for overnight breaks 3 would not wish to use direct payments for overnight breaks		
		One comment on Riverside's after school provision <i>NB. This is not funded by Short Breaks</i>		10 would like the Council to provide training for carers who receive direct payments 1 would not wish the Council to provide training for carers who receive direct payments		

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				<p>8 would consider pooling their direct payments with others if it enabled more provision. One idea was to use this funding to provide sports teachers for small groups (swimming) or to pool for coach trips</p> <p>One parent would like the Council to facilitate this pooling</p> <p>4 would not consider pooling their direct payments with others</p>		
				<p>8 parents think we do not have the right support and monitoring processes,</p> <p>4 parents think the Council does have the right support & monitoring processes</p>		

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				<p>8 parents would prefer for a third party to purchase services on their behalf with their direct payments</p> <p>4 parents would not want a third party to purchase services on their behalf with a direct payment</p>		
				<p>11 parents do not think that criteria relating to the use of Direct Payments is clear & informative</p> <p>1 parent thinks it is clear & informative</p>		

Summary of specific comments:-

- 4 specific comments about provision for 18 +
- Generally requests for more locally based provision
- Requests for local after school provision, sitting service, evening service
- Requests and comments about eligibility and fairness and transparency of decision making
- Clarity around use of and monitoring of direct payments
- Possible use of Marjorie McClure School for group based provision
- Consideration of provision for whole family