

Appendix Four Summary of comments from disabled children & young people to Short Break Consultation

Copies of an easy ready document were made available to Hollybank attendees and attendees at the Riverside Christmas group based provision.

A small number of response were received as follows:-

Young person A - attends Hollybank which he likes but would not like to stay overnight with another family. He attends Riverside as he has exception transport. He would like to attend provision closer to home but this presents a problem as his mum cannot drive and he has 2 disabled siblings so cannot do all the activities he would like to. He would not feel safe to access community facilities just with friends.

Young person B - attends Hollybank which he thinks is ok but would not like to stay overnight with another family. He attends riverside group scheme which he likes and would also like to attend groups closer to home and after school. He likes scouts, swimming and cinema.

Young person C – Has overnight breaks with foster carers which he likes. He does not attend Riverside as the times do not fit with 'family fun time', Transport would also be a problem for him to use Riverside. He likes groups activities close to home, particularly scouts. He would like to go to the park and go shopping with friends.

Young person D - attends Hollybank which he likes but is not sure if he would like to stay overnight with another family. He attends Riverside which he likes very much and would also like to be able to go to group activities closer to home, although he doesn't know what would be available and would need support at all groups.

The Young Advisors told us that disabled children & young people :-

- like to meet up with friends outside of school,
- want access to all the same activities as are open to non-disabled children,
- think Hawes Down should be used to offer activities
- do not like it when 'jargon' is used
- want to feel safe
- recognise that different people need different types of space
- recognise that services need to be tailored to abilities
- would like a spread of activities in different parts of the borough
- want to do things that are exciting and enjoyable, either with or without support
- want to know what the Council does to ensure that staff who work directly with disabled children & young people are 'safe' people to be working in that capacity