AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

SHORT BREAKS QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you the parent or carer of a disabled child or young person, living in Rotherham?

If so, we would like to hear from you

ROTHERHAM AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN PROGRAMME

THE SHORT BREAKS SERVICES STATEMENT

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

Rotherham Council is committed to providing the types of Short Breaks that were introduced through the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme (including the 'Local Offer'), based on weekday evening, weekend and summer holiday activities.

The range of Short Breaks available in Rotherham in 2012/13 is as follows:

- Independent Local Solutions – The YOURS Project – a full weekday evening programme of activities and some weekend activity
- Scope – weekend activities
- Rotherham Youth Service – Elephants In-Step group held fortnightly on a weekday evening and Summer Activities
- Rotherham Youth Service – BME Group held on a weekday evening
- Rotherham Youth Service – Sailing Activities
- Rotherham Youth Service - Habershon House Residential
- Autism Communication Team (ACT) – Weekday evening Groups
- Hilltop School Summer Activities
- Orchard Centre Outreach
- Families Together
- Orchard Centre Residential (Cherry Tree & Bramley)
- Direct Payments
- Parent Carer Forum - Day Trips / Parent Support Group(Contribution from AHDC)
- Kimberworth Place - Short Breaks Activity Areas
- Complex Care Nursing Team - Short Breaks
- Bluebell Wood Hospice Short Break

A **new statutory duty on local authorities to provide short break services** came into effect on the 1st April 2011. Part of this duty meant that local authorities were required to publish a *'Short Break Services Statement'* by the 1st October 2011 and then refresh annually thereafter. Following extensive consultation with parents/carers and young people, the statement was published by the due date and set out what services are available in the local area and how they have been designed to meet the needs of children and families, i.e. by listening to the views of parents, carers, disabled children and young people.

To make sure that Rotherham continues to offer short breaks that families want and need and in a way that works best for them, we are seeking your views through the attached short questionnaire. This will inform the development of the Rotherham Short Breaks Statement refresh and the Short Breaks programme next year.

We would be grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire and return it in the envelope provided to:

Linda Adcock, Information Officer (Children's Disability),
Kimberworth Place,
Kimberworth Road,
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by no later than Friday ???????.

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

How easy do you think it is for families with disabled children to access universal services? E.g. brownies, cubs, leisure centres, childcare, clubs, parks, bowling etc. Have you had any specific difficulties doing so?

What else would you like to see Rotherham Council, and their partner organisations, doing to improve access?

If your child does not attend any short break services please tell us why here.

Would you like to receive more detailed information about Rotherham's short break services?

If you have accessed short break services can you tell us which you use (for example, Elephants In-Step, the Orchard Centre, the ILS YOURS Project, Chat 'N' Chill, Scope, Hilltop School, Outreach, Youth Service Habershon House, Sailing at Ulley, Families Together, Direct Payments

In terms of the Short Breaks on offer, what do you feel has worked well?

What do feel has not worked so well?

Can you please tell us what school / pre-school setting your child attends?

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this important questionnaire.

If you have any further questions then please contact Linda Adcock on (01709) 336423

After we have looked at your information on the questionnaires we will be holding a feedback event about what people have said. This is likely to be in September 2012

If you would be interested in attending, please give us your details and we will forward event information to you:

Is your child registered on the Children's Disability Register?

To support access to commissioned short breaks and receive regular updates about the Short Break Services available in Rotherham please complete the children's disability registration form.

For more information and to register, please either contact the Families Information Service on 0800 0730230 or download the registration form from http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/shortbreaks and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided.