



Response to Request for Information

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Short Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children

Request:

I would like data in whatever form it is collected by the LA in regard to services delivered under the **Short Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations**, whether this is carers/families or disabled children. This is most likely to be number of hours/sessions provided to disabled children.

Response:

In Wolverhampton short breaks for Children and young people with disabilities are delivered in a number of ways, these are set out below

- External providers who provide overnight stays for the child and respite for families and carers, various activity groups such as Saturday clubs and Buddying schemes
- Short break funding for special schools who provide holiday clubs, Saturday clubs and after school activities
- Direct Payments to enable a flexible approach to short breaks for both parents and children
- Outreach support at home
- Caravan holiday provision

The number of hours and sessions provided to disabled children is calculated on an individual basis and is subject to individual assessment. We do not have all the data requested in one place however, the information we do hold is provided below:

Short breaks take up:

Action for children - Buddying service:

Wolverhampton Short Breaks Buddy Service provides 1:1 support for young people aged 12 – 18 years to access activities of their choice within the community.

Young people are offered 3hrs support every week, some accumulate these hours and have a longer session fortnightly and some people have longer sessions every week as discussed above.

Below is the breakdown of sessions being accessed currently (April 2015):

- 4 young people accessing 4hrs each week
- 3 young people accessing 6hrs each week
- 1 young person accessing 3hrs each week
- 4 young people accessing 6hrs every other week
- 4 young people accessing 5hrs every other week

Spurgeons – Chill and Chat

Service for children aged 8 to 18 who have or are waiting for a diagnosis of ASD.

As of April 2015 There are 44 people on the register, 40 are regular attendees.

In the last year they delivered 78 sessions, which equates to 157 hours, (equates to 2 hours per session). This is split between 3 groups:

Group A – 18 members
Group B – 10 members
Group C – 16 members

Each group meets every fortnight.

There are 3 groups currently running, 2 hours per session.

Progress Care:

- (I) Saturday morning group (alternate weeks)

Provision of a four hourly session to deliver 22 sessions per calendar year for up to 12 children per session aged between 8 to 18 years.

- (II) Saturday afternoon group

Provision of a three hourly session to deliver 44 sessions per calendar year for up to 12 children aged between 8 to 18 years.

(III) Youth Group

Provision of a two hourly session, one evening per week to deliver 44 sessions per calendar year for young people aged between 12 to 18 years.

(IV) Holiday Club

Provision of four hourly sessions spread over school holiday periods to deliver 42 sessions per calendar year for children aged between 5 to 18 years. (4 hour sessions)

NB. As some children have one to one support – there are usually 10 in each group.

Let us play:

The service runs group activity sessions which include sports, arts and crafts and play.

The sessions, take place during school holidays and on alternate Saturdays. Session length varies from 2 to 8 hours.

Over a twelve month period a minimum 160 hours of short breaks will be provided, with up to 20 children attending each session. The service works with disabled children and young people aged 5 to 18 years.

Residential – Average figure was approx. 52 nights per year

Special Schools – unfortunately it doesn't contain hours of delivery and numbers accessing it!

School	Short Breaks Funding (2014/15) £	Number of pupils on Roll	Actual Activities Provided	Comments
Broadmeadow Nursery (3-5yrs)	56,249.04	52	<p>Grant for 2 projects:</p> <p>After school club 3-4pm Tues - Thurs</p> <p>£4.00 charge to parents excl. transportation/£5.00 with transportation</p> <p>Summer play scheme</p> <p>3 days per week, Tues - Thurs over a 4 week period - No charge to parents</p>	<p>Short breaks funding used to deliver all activities.</p> <p>Pupil Premium fund also used (payments made to schools for families on benefits)</p>
Green Park	20,000.00	116	<p>After school 3.15 – 5pm Tues & Thurs (Thurs activity short term provision aimed at parents who do not engage and therefore fewer children attend) £3.00 charge to parents for Tues activities. No charge for Thurs as specific funding secured.</p>	<p>Short breaks funding used to deliver all activities. Short term targeted funding secured for hard to engage parents.</p> <p>Out of hours activities affected by the withdrawal of community</p>

			<p>Summer School</p> <p>Runs for 8 days over a 2 week period 9.30 – 3pm. Parents transport children to/from school and provide a packed lunch. Daily charges to parents range from £3.00 - £13.00 dependent upon any entrance charges.</p> <p>Residential stays in the Towers</p>	nursing service
New Park	40,000.00	126	<p>After school 3 - 4.30pm Thurs – fitness focus. No charge to parents.</p> <p>(Looking at running after school clubs for older children year 10 – 11)</p> <p>Summer clubs</p> <p>2-3 day trips each week all through the summer holidays. School transports children to/from school, parents provide packed lunches. No charge to parents.</p>	Short break (AHDC) funding used to deliver all activities.
Penn Fields	16,740.00	160	<p>Evening youth provision – 2 nights per week</p> <p>Overnight school camping and residential trip to Wales and residential in term time</p>	Use pupil premium and small contributions from parents

Penn Hall	34,413.00	80	<p>After school 3.30 - 5.15pm Thurs – sports focused (children from other schools incl. mainstream are also transported via Ring & Ride to/from this activity).£6.50 charge to parents</p> <p>Summer activities</p> <p>First week of holidays (52 users incl. 6 residential).Registration charge of £10 to parents</p> <p>Residential experiences 2-4 night breaks (6 users at a time)</p> <p>£30.00 charge for 4 nights to parents. Includes cultural and sporting visits.</p>	Short break (AHDC) funding used to deliver activities in addition to subsidised fund raising and other grants
Tettenhall Wood	0	90	<p>Residential overnights - each class has at least one per year. Variable charges to parents dependent upon the destination/activities. (not short breaks funded)</p> <p>Summer play schemes to be held for 4 weeks for the first time this summer.</p>	
Westcroft	14,000.00	180	<p>The aim is to engage children in outdoor and adventurous activities through a series of short breaks and weekly sessions. Children experience a range of activities with a view to continuing at least one on a</p>	

			regular basis. Age group 8-16yrs. It also includes weekend and week-long outdoor-based residential stays. (including Duke of Edinburgh awards)	
Total funding	£181,402.04			