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Making changes to Play and Leisure Short Breaks services

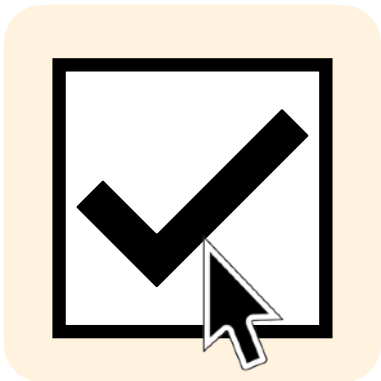
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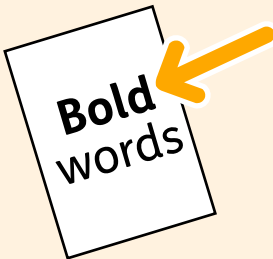
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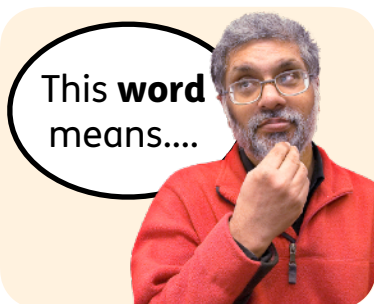
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this booklet



We are Surrey County Council.

We run important services across Surrey.



We are thinking of making some changes to some of the services we offer for young people with **AND**.

AND stands for **additional needs and disabilities**.

In this booklet, we will:



- Explain what changes we are thinking of making.



- Ask you questions about what you think of our changes.

About our services



We offer different services and kinds of support to young people with AND and their carers.



The service we are looking at making changes to is our **Play and Leisure Short Breaks services**.

Our **Play and Leisure Short Breaks services** offer fun activities for young people with AND.



In this booklet, we will call these services Short Breaks services.



Sometimes we offer services that are overnight stays but we are not asking questions about those.

Short Breaks services:



- Help young people with AND to take part in activities and try new things.



- Give parents and carers of young people with AND a break from caring.



900

Around 900 young people with AND use our Short Breaks services each year.



£2.5 million

We have around £2.5 million to spend on Short Breaks services.

Why do we want to make changes?

We need to make some changes to our Short Breaks services because:



- More young people with AND want to use the services than before.



- We need to spend £800,000 less on the services.



- We want to make sure that young people who need the services most can get them.

Tell us what you think



We want to know what you think of our changes.



This will help us to know we are making the right decisions.

To tell us what you think:



- Read the information about each of the changes.



- Answer the questions.



Please answer these questions by midnight on Wednesday 4 March 2026

Questions about you



Before we explain our changes, please answer these questions about yourself.



Question 1: Who are you answering these questions as?

Myself - please go to question 2.

For an organisation - please go to question 3.



Question 2: Which of these answers best describes you?

I am the parent or carer of a child who has a disability

I am the parent or carer of a child who does **not** have a disability

I am a person who helps with caring

I am a young person under the age of 18 who has a disability

I am a young person under the age of 18 who does **not** have a disability

I am a person who lives in Surrey, but I am not a parent, carer or young person

I am a councillor or MP

Other - please tell us more below:



**Question
6**

If you have just answered question 2, please now go to question 6.



Question 3: Which of these answers best describes the organisation you are answering these questions for?

Short Breaks service provider

Surrey County Council

School or college

Disability organisation

Group that speaks up for other people

Other - please tell us more below:



Name

Question 4: What is the name of the organisation you are answering these questions for?



Question 5: What is your job at the organisation you are answering these questions for?

**Question
8**

Please now go to question 8.



Question 6: Please tick all the answers that are true for you:

- I have/my child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- I am applying for an EHCP for my child
- I get/ my child gets extra support at school because they have additional needs and disabilities
- I get/ my child gets support from the Surrey Children with Disabilities (CWD) service
- I get Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for my child
- I attend/ my child attends a special school for children with additional needs and disabilities
- I get/ my child gets support from the Surrey County Council Outreach service

There are more answers on the next page.

I get Direct Payments for my child

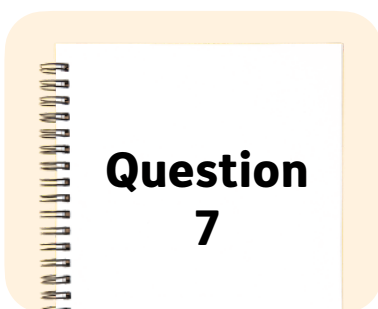
I use/ my child uses overnight Short Breaks services

My child sometimes stays away from home overnight as part of their support needs
This is called **residential provision**.

None of these answers are true for me



Please only answer question 6a if you get PIP or DLA.



If you do not, please go to question 7.



Question 6a: Which type of PIP or DLA do you get?

- Standard PIP
- Enhanced PIP
- DLA – Lowest rate
- DLA – Middle rate
- DLA – Higher rate



Question 7: Do you or your child use Short Breaks services at the moment?

- Yes
- No, but I am on a waiting list
- No, and I am not on a waiting list
- This question does not apply to me



Question 8: Which area of Surrey do you live in?

If you are answering these questions for an organisation, please tell us where your organisation's main building is.

Elmbridge

Epsom and Ewell

Guildford

Mole Valley

Reigate & Banstead

Runnymede

Spelthorne

Surrey Heath

Tandridge

Waverley

Woking

An area outside of Surrey

Questions about our changes

Change 1

We are thinking about making some new rules that say to use Short Breaks services, young people must:



- Live in Surrey, and



- Be under 18 years old.

They must also:



- Get the middle or higher rate of DLA or PIP, or



- Get support from the Surrey Children with Disabilities (CWD) service, or have an EHCP.



This means we would stop paying for Short Breaks services for young people who do not meet these rules.



We think this change would mean we save £141,000 a year.



Question 9: Do you agree or disagree with making rules about who can use Short Breaks services?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 10: Do you agree or disagree with who we have decided would be able to use Short Breaks services?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 11: Please tell us any comments you have about change 1 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 2



We are thinking of making a new rule about how often young people can use Short Breaks services each year.

The new rule would say either:

**144
hours**



- A young person cannot use Short Breaks services for more than 144 hours each year, or

**198
hours**



- A young person cannot use Short Breaks services for more than 198 hours each year.

If we made this rule, we could save:



£446,400

- £446,400 a year if young people could not use more than 144 hours.



£266,250

- £266,250 a year if young people could not use more than 198 hours.



Question 12: Do you agree or disagree with making a rule about how often young people can use Short Breaks services each year?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know

144 hours



Question 13: Do you agree or disagree with a young person not using Short Breaks services for more than 144 hours each year?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know

198 hours



Question 14: Do you agree or disagree with a young person not using Short Breaks services for more than 198 hours each year?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

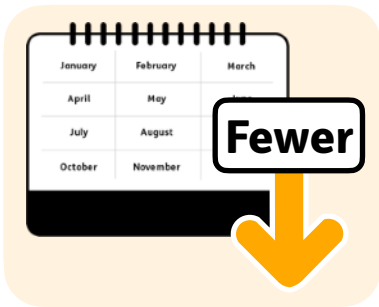
Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 15: Please tell us how many hours you think young people should be allowed to use Short Breaks services each year:



Question 16: Do you agree or disagree with the idea of providing fewer hours of Short Breaks services for some young people, if it means that more young people can use these services?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 17: Please tell us any comments you have about change 2 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 3



Most of the time, parents and carers have to pay for their child to use Short Breaks services.



At the moment, organisations that provide Short Breaks services charge different amounts.



We want to change this so that all organisations charge the same amount.



For some organisations, this may mean they have to start charging more.



We think this change would save or bring in about £111,000 a year.



Question 18: Do you agree or disagree with making a rule that says all parents and carers have to pay the same amount?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 19: Please tell us any comments you have about change 3 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 4



Some Short Breaks services allow parents and carers to join in activities with their children.



We are thinking of stopping this.



Instead, we would support Short Breaks services that do not include parents and carers.



This would mean we are still providing a service to support parents and carers who need a break from caring.



We think this change would mean we save £14,000 a year.



Question 19: Do you agree or disagree with us stopping Short Breaks services that allow parents and carers to join in activities?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 20: Please tell us any comments you have about change 4 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 5

At the moment we have 2 different pots of money for:

1. Giving parents and carers a break from caring.
2. Short Breaks services.



We want to stop putting money into the pot for parents and carers to have a break.



This is because parents and carers can get their breaks through Short Breaks services.



We think this change would mean we save £260,000 a year.



Question 21: Do you agree or disagree with us stopping the pot of money for parents and carers to have a break from caring?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 22: Please tell us any comments you have about change 5 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 6



We want to make **mainstream activities** more accessible for young people with AND.

Mainstream activities are activities for children without AND.



If we make mainstream activities more accessible, then children with AND can join in, instead of having to take part in separate activities.



This may mean we do not have to spend as much money on separate activities for children with AND.



Question 23: Do you agree or disagree with us making mainstream activities more accessible for young people with AND?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 24: Do you agree or disagree with us working with the **Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme** to support more children with AND?

The **Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)** programme gives children free activities and free meals during school holidays if they get free school meals.

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

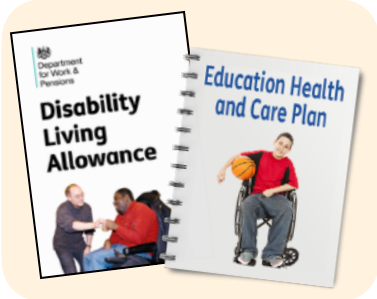
I do not know



Question 25: Please tell us any comments you have about change 6 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 7

We want to split young people with AND who want to use Short Breaks services into 2 groups:



- Group 1 - young people who get DLA or have an EHCP.



- Group 2 - young people who get social care support from our disability services.



We want to make a new rule that says only young people who are in group 2 can use specialist Short Breaks services for young people with AND.



Young people in group 1 would take part in accessible mainstream activities.



This would help us to make sure that young people who need specialist services the most can get them.



Question 26: Do you agree or disagree with us making a rule about which young people can use Short Breaks services for young people with AND?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 27: Please tell us any comments you have about change 7 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 8



We want to offer less 1 on 1 support for young people with AND who are using Short Breaks services.



Providing 1 on 1 support costs a lot of money.

We want to:



- Offer fewer 1 on 1 support places.



- Try to make activities more accessible, so that fewer young people need 1 on 1 support to be able to join in.



We think this change would mean we save £50,000 a year.



Question 28: Do you agree or disagree with us offering less 1 on 1 support for young people with AND who are using Short Breaks services?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know

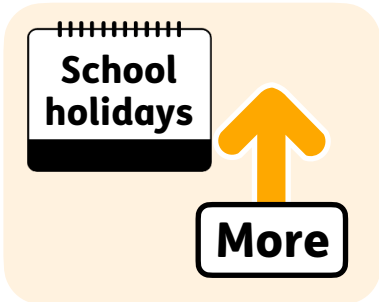


Question 29: Please tell us any comments you have about change 8 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 9



We want to offer more Short Breaks services during school holidays and fewer after school or at weekends.



Question 30: Do you agree or disagree with us offering more Short Breaks services during school holidays and fewer after school or at weekends?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 31: Please tell us any comments you have about change 9 and why you agree or disagree with it:

Change 10



We want to start offering shorter Short Breaks services, that would be around 4 hours long.



This would be as well as full day activities of around 6 hours.



Question 32: Do you agree or disagree with us offering 4 hour and 6 hour Short Break sessions?

Agree a lot

Agree a little

Neither

Disagree a little

Disagree a lot

I do not know



Question 33: During the school holidays, how long do you think Short Breaks services should be?

- 4 hours or less
- 4 to 6 hours
- More than 6 hours



Question 34: On weekends during the school year, how long do you think Short Breaks services should be?

- 2 hours or less
- 2 to 4 hours
- 4 to 6 hours
- More than 6 hours



Question 35: In the evenings after school, how long do you think Short Breaks services should be?

1 and a half hours or less

1 and a half hours to 2 hours

More than 2 hours



Question 36: Please tell us any comments you have about change 10 and why you agree or disagree with it:



Question 37: Please tell us any other suggestions you have about anything you have not already mentioned:

Further questions about you



We would like you to answer some more questions about yourself.



This will help us to know that we are listening to people from different backgrounds.



Any information you give us will be kept safe.



Question 38: How old are you?

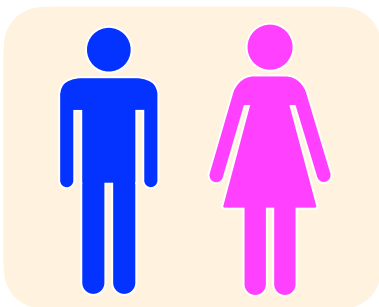


Question 39: Do you have a disability or illness that affects how you do everyday tasks?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 40: What is your **sex**?

Sex is about whether your body was male or female when you were born.

Male

Female

I do not want to say



Question 41: Is your **gender** now the same as your sex when you were born?

Gender is whether you feel yourself to be a man, a woman or use a different word to describe your gender.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 42: What is your **ethnic group**?

Your **ethnic group** is your race and the country that your family came from.



Question 43: How much money does everyone who lives in your house make a year added together?

£0 to £15,000

£15,001 to £30,000

£30,001 to £45,000

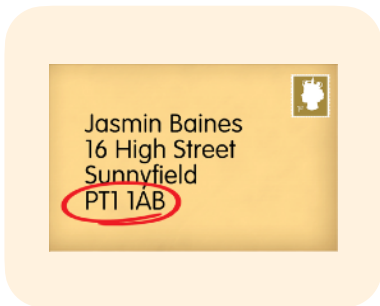
£45,001 to £60,000

£60,001 to £80,000

£80,001 to £100,000

Over £100,001

I do not want to say



Question 44: What is your postcode?

Sending your answers



Thank you for answering these questions.

Please now send your answers to:



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- Children's Social Care Transformation Team
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