

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000984
Date 20 March 2017

Short Break Services

Request:

Under the freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek information about your children and short breaks services:

1. Name, email and telephone of director for children's services or similar?
We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10485&p=0>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

2. Is there a transformation manager or personalisation lead or similar role? If yes please provide name(s), email(s) and telephone number(s)?
As above.
3. What case management system do you use for children's services?
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<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=11114&p=0>
4. When is the contract for the case management system up for renewal?
As above.
5. Name, email and telephone number of the manager responsible for Short Breaks provision?
The commissioning officer post with oversight of the short breaks provision is

currently vacant it is being allocated to a member of staff who will be joining the organisation on 3 April 2017. The most appropriate phone number to call is 01902 556556

6. Annual spend on Short Breaks provision for 2016/17?
As at 27th March 2017 spend to date £745,820.
7. Please provide a link, or a copy of your current Short Breaks statement and eligibility criteria?
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/9237/Short-Breaks-Services-Statement>
8. Do you provide grants or direct payments for Short Breaks provision? If not, are there any plans to provide grants or direct payments in the future?
We provide a carers short break Grant of £300 per family and direct payments are available for all services meeting an eligible need set out in the young person EHCP including Short Breaks
9. Do you provide a framework of approved Short Breaks providers?
We tendered for providers to deliver 4 different types of community based services in 2016. Our Special schools also provide a range of short breaks and we tendered for a provider to build and deliver a small residential short breaks service in 2015.
10. Do parents/carers book Short Breaks provision via the council?
It depends on the type of short breaks, some services are direct access and families can book direct with the provider once they have an allocation following as assessment. For the contracted services, Overnight short breaks are book via the social work team.
11. If not do you use an external organisation to provide this? No
12. Please provide details on where I can obtain a copy of your latest review and/or consultation of Short Breaks policy and provision?
The provision is available on the Local Offer
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/send>
The last large scale review was undertaken in 2013 but we consulted with families and young people on the SEND strategy which included short breaks in 2015 and this can be found on [Wolverhampton.gov.uk](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk) Cabinet February 2016.
13. Are your Local Offer pages/site developed in-house or externally?
In-house.
14. If externally please confirm the supplier, the value of this contract and when it is due for renewal?
N/A
15. If internally, are there any plans for this to be developed by an external supplier?
No