

## Response to Request for Information

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### **Short Breaks**

#### **Request:**

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am seeking information about funding for the provision of short breaks from caring for carers of disabled children over the last few years and the next financial year.

1. How much overall funding was provided for the provision of short breaks from caring for carers of disabled children, in accordance with The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011, in the (financial) years 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and what funding is allocated for the same purpose in 2018/2019?

2014/2015	£57,239	actuals
2015/2016	£56,217	actuals
2016/2017	£53,714	actuals
2017/2018	£59,026	actual to date
2018/2019	£68,000	Budget

2. How much of the funding allocated for a range of short break services as required by The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011 was allocated in each of the years specified in Question 1 for the provision of:

a) daytime care in the homes of disabled children

n/a no daytime care provided in own homes.

b) overnight care in the homes of disabled children

n/a no overnight provided in own homes

c) daytime care in short break provisions such as day centres

2014/2015	£415,593	actuals
2015/2016	£299,105	actuals
2016/2017	£264,471	actuals
2017/2018	£193,741	Actual to date
2018/2019	£270,000	budget

d) overnight care in short break (respite) centres for disabled children

2014/2015	£819,050	actuals
2015/2016	£834,248	actuals
2016/2017	£486,066	actuals
2017/2018	£463,763	Actual to date

2018/2019

£700,000

budget

If short breaks funding is not broken down into these categories please provide the funding for equivalent categories reflecting the range of short breaks your local authority provides.

3. For each of the years specified in question 1, how many carers of disabled children qualified for provision of short breaks from caring?  
2017/2018 = 141 individual families.  
Details unknown for previous years.
4. How do you assess eligibility for the provision of short breaks? Has this changed over the years specified in question 1? If so, please explain how?  
Eligibility for short breaks provision is determined via an assessment of need – undertaken by a Social Worker under Section 17 of the Children Act. This has not changed in recent years.
5. Of the short breaks you funded, how many are jointly funded with a local CCG? Please give a breakdown for the years specified in Question 1, for:
  - a) Fully funded by the LA = 137
  - b) Jointly funded with a CCG/s = 4
6. Of the short breaks you jointly fund, has the CCG portion been reduced or withdrawn in the financial year:
  - a) 2016/2017 - Unknown
  - b) 2017/2018 – No reduction or withdrawn to knowledge
  - c) 2018/2019 – No indication at this stage that these will be removed as all of the children are subject to continuing health care.