Short Breaks



What is a short break?



Short breaks are services for children and young people, designed for their development and wellbeing



Short breaks let the child or young person do activities independent from their parent or carers



Short breaks can happen at different times such as during the day, after school, at the weekends, in the school holidays or overnight



The activities can be in different locations including at home, in the local community, at a carer's home or in a residential setting

Who can have a short break?



To get a short break the child or young person must have complex needs and/or a disability



The Equality Act 2010 says you are disabled:

- If you have a physical or mental impairment
- If the impairment has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative impact on your daily living

How can you get short break?



Contact the Duty and Advice Team on:

Telephone: 0116 454 1004

Email: das.team@leicester.gov.uk

Short Break Needs Assessment



You will need to have a short break assessment

This assessment is to find out what type of short break you need



The assessment is used to write a short break plan

The plan tells you what type of short break will be given and how it will be provided

The assessment will look at:

Needs
Low
Moderate
Substantial
Critical

Your health, education, emotional and social needs



The needs and abilities of your parents or carers



Environmental factors including what activities the local community has to offer

Short Break Review Meeting



A short break review meeting will happen at least every 6 months

This is to check that the short break you are given is right for you



The child or young person, parent, carer, support worker and other key professionals should attend the short break review meetings



Before each meeting the support worker will meet with the child and young person to get their view on the plan and short break they are given

More Help



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