

# Short Breaks in Lancashire

## Recommissioning short breaks and home care for Children and Young People with SEND.

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# Welcomes and Introductions

- Lisa Taylor - Commissioning Manager
- Fiona Harris-Hilton – Inclusion Senior Manager
- Sarah Deady – Business Support Officer
- Sam Jones – Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF)
- Kirsty Harrison- Category Manager



# Agenda

- Purpose
- To outline the recommissioning objectives
- To set out the main commissioning intentions
- Introduce the Lots for each service area



# Background information

Short breaks services are vitally important to families with children and young people who have a disability. These breaks provide essential and needed support to families, whilst offering the children and young people positive experiences and stimulating activities. In summary, these services support both carers and the children/young people themselves.

The Children Act 1989 requires that local authorities provide a range of services including day care, overnight care, educational or leisure activities for disabled children and services to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

# Local context

- On average each year in Lancashire, approximately 700 disabled children and young people access short breaks services through the use of their personal budget. This includes both children with council managed budgets and those with direct payments.
- Between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020\*, 1,037 children and young people participated in Lancashire Break Time activities attending a total of 72,362 hours. This equates to an average of 70 hours per child or young person. The range of hours accessed by individual children and young people was between two and 564 hours.

\* attendance numbers were affected by the impact of COVID-19 during 2020-2021.

# Current landscape

Home care and short break provision is presently delivered by a combination of providers, including external organisations, in-house services, and via direct payments by service users.

There are:

- Approx. 31 home care providers delivering short breaks to CYP in Lancashire.
- 3 in house overnight short break respite settings (North, East and South).
- 23 Lancashire Break Time providers offering group based activities

# Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF)

A word from Sam Jones  
Chair of the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum



Lancashire Parent  
Carer Forum



# Coproduction and engagement

Parents, carers and children and young people told us that they wanted to see:

- More choice
- A greater number of providers offering a wider range of services
- Greater diversity of activities
- More provision during weekends and holidays
- More help for families who have direct payments



# Recommissioning objectives

We want to be to improve outcomes for the Children and Young People with SEND in Lancashire by working in partnership with providers.

We want to do this by:

Strengthening our relationships with new and existing providers.

Working in partnership to ensure we are meeting local need and ensure where there are any issues that we act quickly to ensure good quality services continue

Being clear about our requirements, quality standards, performance, and the monitoring arrangements for the new short breaks service.

# New service model of delivery

- The introduction of a Provider List for short breaks services will enable Lancashire County Council to increase the range and number of short breaks services available to Lancashire families.
- The Council will purchase short breaks services directly through the framework for children who have a council managed budget. The Council will also promote the list of approved providers to families with direct payments who purchase their short breaks services directly from supplier.
- The Provider List will remain open to new applications at any time and assessment of acceptance onto the Provider List will take place at least annually, or sooner if more than 10 applications are received since the last evaluation phase.

# Commissioning intentions

The core specification will include the provision of:

Daytime, evening, overnight short breaks

Group activities, after school clubs, school holidays and weekend activities.

These short breaks can take place in the child's own home, the home of an approved carer, or a residential or community setting.

# Commissioning intentions – Lots

| Service area                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Lot 1 A - <b>Break Time</b> (Group based activities)      | Group-based social, leisure and sports activities which can include evening activities such as youth groups, weekend activities and school holiday clubs.<br>For children with disabilities with <b>an unassessed need</b> . |
| Lot 1 B – <b>Break Time Plus</b> (Group based activities) | Group-based social, leisure and sports activities which can include evening activities such as youth groups, weekend activities and school holiday clubs.<br>For children with disabilities who have <b>an assessed need</b> |

# Commissioning intentions – Lot

| Service area                                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Lot 2 <b>Day Time</b> - (Community Outreach) | 1:1 individualised support for children and young people with disabilities, to enable them to get out and about in the community, try new activities and learn skills for life.<br>For children with disabilities open to CwD and who have <b>an assessed need</b>                                                                                     |
| Lot 2 <b>Day Time</b> - (Personal Care)      | Provision of support in the home for children with disabilities, where parents/carers are present, to provide general assistance with washing, dressing and feeding as well as support through the night, to permit carers to carry out other tasks, or take a break from caring.<br>For children with disabilities who have <b>an assessed need</b> . |

# Commissioning intentions – Lot

| Service area                                                                                                                                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Lot 3 <b>Night-time</b> - (Overnight Short Breaks)                                                                                                 | <p>The provision of overnight short breaks outside the home, in a specialist overnight short breaks setting (or other venue agreed in advance by the commissioner) for children with disabilities.</p> <p>For children with disabilities who have <b>an assessed need</b>.</p>                                                   |
| Lot 4 <b>Intensive Positive Behaviour Support</b><br>(Support above the level of typical short breaks individual home care, as described in Lot 2) | <p>The provision of intensive support to deliver bespoke evidence-based interventions for children with complex disabilities to reduce behaviour that challenges / harmful behaviours where a child is on the edge of care or a family is in crisis.</p> <p>For children with disabilities who have <b>an assessed need</b>.</p> |

# Procurement Process

Kirsty Harrison

**Category Manager – Care and Public Health**



