



Slough Children's Services Trust

Short Breaks Tender Process

Information Sheet



What are short breaks?

Short breaks are good quality, fun, positive activities that children or young people with disabilities can attend, where they can do things they enjoy, have new experiences and develop new skills. It helps provide positive outcomes for the child or young person and prepares them for life as an adult, increasing their independence.

What we are doing

We are preparing to go out to tender for our short break services. Prospective providers will submit a tender document to provide short breaks for children and young people within Slough.

The information they provide will be evaluated by a panel set up by Slough Children's Services Trust.

If the providers meet the criteria for providing short breaks they will be invited to come along and make a presentation in front of a panel of people which will include:

- Professionals from Slough Children's Services Trust.
- Parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities in the Borough. If you are interested please see contact details at the end of this text.
- A member of staff from Special Voices.



Why are we doing this?

We are doing this to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life of children, young people, their parents and carers.

Slough Children's Services Trust wants to ensure we have a range of short break services that children and young people would like to take part in and can and easily access.

We want to ensure that the providers who are commissioned to provide short breaks have skilled staff with the ability to safely provide a wide range of opportunities for children and young people.

As far as possible, services should be accessible and local to their community. Services will focus on early help and regular breaks to meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities, enhance the wellbeing of the child and their family, and ultimately reduce the need for more significant support in the future.

If you would like to be part of the provider presentations please use the contact details below. We will inform you once the dates for this have been confirmed.

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