

Short Breaks Survey Conclusion

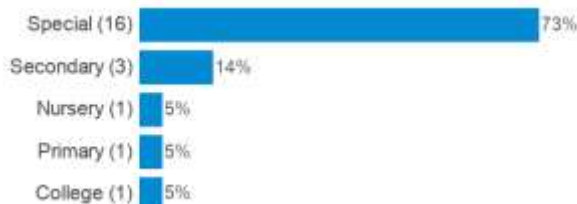
There were a total of 24 responses (3 pairs of twins), which is small percentage of those that have accessed Short Break services in the past couple of years but is in line with similar consultations that other Local Authorities run.

The survey suggests that males and those at special schools are more likely to access short breaks.

Is your child / young person



What type of education facility does your child / young person attend?



The survey also suggests that we are not doing as well as providing a short break service for ethnic groups other than White (English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British). This may also be that these groups are less likely to engage with online consultations.

Which of the following best describes your child / young person's ethnic background?



In Bradford we are currently providing short breaks services to a wide range of special educational needs / disabilities with Autism, SCLN, VI and MSI being the most prevalent.



The range of short break services accessed can be seen below.

Overnight break	(7)	27%
Other	(4)	15%
Activities in the school holidays	(7)	27%
They do not access short breaks	(3)	11%
After school/youth clubs	(2)	8%
Sporting and leisure activities (e.g. football, swimming, dance class)	(1)	4%
Social activities with other young people / friends (e.g. movie night, bowling)	(1)	4%
Supporting the child in the home (e.g. providing respite for carer)	(1)	4%

Specific responses from respondents

Responses when asked if short breaks accessed meet the needs of both child and family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have never accessed Short Breaks - They are not accessing any short breaks activity - Closed when needed most - Just get told no because he's our grandson - Always send home of slightly unwell - sneeze and home - Only once per month for 6 hours - As a family and friends foster carers we have never been offered respite

Reasons why CYP/Families have been rejected a short break
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Club can't cope - Specialist inclusion project summer residential. Because we already have access to short break care. Hardly inclusive! - I've tried getting help on a number of times my sons autistic and never be able to get any thing from Bradford council - Complex health/ behaviours, not enough staff as needs 2-1

Responses when asked what short breaks they would like but not currently accessing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More - More PA time with social activities - Still waiting for the referral to be addressed, referral was made in November by the social worker - When I lived in Wiltshire I use to get grants to afford to take him on holiday as am a single mum I've lived back up here for 5 years and had no help at all. - Social interaction in the community with support mainly on weekends. - He's allocated weekly slots and two days per week during school holidays. accessing 1 day per month due to lack of respite foster carers - Open to offers - While this is good, I feel that as he has got older, he needs more structured activity/social opportunities (such as what Snoop provides) but these services are very scarce. His learning and communication difficulties. - Respite during holidays

- I'm not sure, maybe swimming as he hasn't started learning yet. Or educational learning... i don't know what to expect or if he would join in or like it...
- Never applied for short breaks
- Outdoors. Any social activities to try and meet others.
- Residential short breaks home
- A period where I can take my daughter on a holiday a year

Preventions for accessing Short Breaks

- Do not know what services are available (50% of these knew of the LO)
- Do not know how to access activities
- Lack of appropriate individual supervision / support
- Cost of available transport
- Nothing in my local area
- Attitude to others
- Health problems
- Lack of staff expertise, knowledge or confidence
- Very negative and rude reply from the social work department when I wrote to ask about it
- Current situation lockdown/Coronavirus

The most sought after times to run a short break have been identified as:

- Overnight
- Saturday & Sunday
- During the school holidays