

Update on Aiming High Short Breaks consultation

A consultation took place between 8th October and 15th December 2014, on the authority's proposals to change the Aiming High short breaks scheme.

We received 272 responses to the consultation. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. We are currently considering the responses from young people and their families about the proposals. We need more time to consider all the points that have been raised, and we anticipate a decision on what will be offered in the future later in the year.

In the meantime, the current scheme will continue. Children and young people who meet the criteria will be able to have up to 80 hours flexible one-to-one support between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Those families who currently receive the one to one provision, who meet the eligibility criteria and are in need of the support and wish to continue with the same provider, will not have to re-apply. However, there will be a minimum requirement for families to confirm that their circumstances remain the same.

We will also continue to offer short break grants to eligible children and young people in 2015-16, as an alternative to one-to-one flexible support. The application booklets to apply for the short break grants, and for new applications for one-to-support for 2015, will be available on the Local Offer website shortly: www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org

Group provision will continue to be offered to families from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 (up to 80 hours throughout the year as now), through the current Aiming High providers established in each area. Please see www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org to find out more.