**WBCIR:18252**

Please find below our FOI request regarding services commissioned by the local authority for disabled children and their families.

1. How many disabled children and young people are in your local authority area? –

[The Children Act 1989, states that - “*a child is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed;  as per “development” means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development; and “health” means physical or mental health”].*

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|   | Number |
| a) Total Number of disabled children and young people 0-25 years in local authority area | 1155 |
| b) Of those included in the number above, please could you tell us their ethnicity below |  |
| Asian | 59 |
| Black | 20 |
| Mixed heritage | 69 |
| White | 824 |
| Unknown | 183\* |

This information was collated using our statutory children’s disability register.

The unknown category has also been used to capture responses where parents have indicated that they would “prefer not to say” or left the field blank.

1. *How many* ***families*** *with disabled children accessed short breaks between April 2023 and March 2024 (by family we include disabled children or young people 0-25, or their family member such as their parent carer or sibling).*

There were 244 children aged 0-18 who accessed short breaks between April 2023 and March 2024.

Children’s Social Care do not hold data relating to 18–25-year-olds.

1. Overview of short break services in your local authority area

It is not possible to provide this information, as short breaks are currently funded via direct payments, with flexibility offered to families to access services for their children both in and out of Borough.

On this basis, questions 3-12 are invalidated.

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| Question  | Number  |
| a)The total number of short break services in your area for disabled children and young people and their families aged 0-25 years  |   |
| b)The total number of individual spaces available in your area for disabled children and young people and their families aged 0-25 years  |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are available by age group.

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| Age group  | Number of services  | Number of Individual Spaces  |
| Disabled children and young people <5 years  |   |   |
| Disabled children and young people 5-10 years  |   |   |
| Disabled children and young people 11-15 years   |   |   |
| Disabled children and young people 16-18 years  |   |   |
| Disabled children and young people 19-25 years  |   |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are available for family members

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| Family Member  | Number of services  | Number of Individual Spaces  |
| Disabled children and young people 0-25 years  |   |   |
| Parent Carers  |   |   |
| Sibling   |   |   |

b) Do all the services above include parent carer drop off or are parent carers required to stay at the session or service whilst their disabled child or young person or their sibling attends?

Y / N

1. **Ethnicity**
2. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are targeted to families with disabled children or young people from black, asian, or mixed ethnic minority groups.

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| Services  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Black  |   |   |
| Asian  |   |   |
| Black or Asian mixed heritage   |   |   |

b) Please could you provide the ethnicity of families using short break services between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024

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| Services  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Black  |   |   |
| Asian  |   |   |
| Black or Asian mixed heritage   |   |   |
| White  |   |   |
| Unknown  |   |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are available to families with disabled children or young people with the following needs:

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| Services  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Communication Needs (such as Makaton, BSL, communication device)  |   |   |
| Gastro Needs (eg PEG fed)  |   |   |
| Oxygen requirements  |   |   |
| Wheelchair needs (self propelling or requiring support)  |   |   |
| Sensory needs (such as sensory rooms or quiet areas)  |   |   |
| Hoist needs  |   |   |
| Personal care needs (such as help toileting or washing)  |   |   |
| Dietary needs (support with eating or drinking and specialised food)  |   |   |
| Medication needs  |   |   |
| Cultural or religious needs (in terms of food preparation or prayer rooms)  |   |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, what type of organisations are commissioned to provide short break services for families with disabled children or young people out of the local authority area:

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| Services  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Out of area short break services  |   |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are commissioned for families with disabled children or young people out of the local authority area:

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| Organisations  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Local authority provided  |   |   |
| Private organisations  |   |   |
| Independent  |   |   |
| Community Interest Company or Group  |   |   |
| Charity  |   |   |
| Hospice  |   |   |
| Voluntary Organisations  |   |   |
| Faith or religious based organisations |  |  |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, what times or days are services or places available for families:

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| Days / Times  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Weekdays – daytime  |   |   |
| Weekday – evening  |   |   |
| Weekend – daytime  |   |   |
| Weekend - evening  |   |   |

1. Of the short break services counted in question 3a and 3b, how many services and places are available only with direct payments:

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| Services  | Number of services  | Number of Individual spaces  |
| Direct Payments only  |   |   |

1. Could you tell us the process you have in place with the services that you commission to monitor or review short break sessions with low attendance.