

Eligibility Criteria for Accessing Short Breaks: Matrix of Need

	1. Services for all Universal or community services which are available to all children/young people and carers who need low support	2. Targeted Services via the 'Local Offer' Services for children/young people and carers who require some support A targeted offer could be a direct payment or services	3. Specialist Services Services for children/young people and carers who require high support via a specialist package of care
Children / Young Person's Development Needs	The child/young person has some additional needs because of their disability but this doesn't prevent them from accessing local services and activities such as the youth club and leisure centre	The child/young person has additional needs because of their disability and needs some support to and access some local services and activities. Sometimes they might need specific activities designed for their needs. There is an expectation that the child/young person will have an Education Health and Care Plan or statement. We will take into account other relevant assessments to inform eligibility.	The child/young person has significant and/or multiple needs because of their disability which prevents them from accessing local services and activities without high levels of support It is highly likely that the child/young person attends a special school to have their high level of educational needs met.
Parent / Carers Caring Needs	The parents/carers sometimes might need help but they know where to go to get it using resources available to them such as grandparents, neighbours, wider family or the community	The parents/carers need additional help to meet the child/young person's needs.	The parents/carers need significant and regular ongoing support to meet the child/young person's needs.
Parent / Carers Personal Needs	The child/young person's needs are impacting on the parents / carers personal or social life but the parent/carer is able to cope with this	The child/young person's needs are met but at a significant cost to the parents / carers physical / emotional health and leisure time.	Neither the child/young person's or the parents / carers needs are being met and there is a serious risk of family breakdown.
Siblings Needs	The child/young person's brother/s or sister/s can access opportunities but they are sometimes restricted	The child/young person's brother/s or sister/s personal and social lives are significantly restricted.	The child/young person's brother/s or sister/s essential needs are not being met.
Environment	The place where the child/young person lives and the places they go to are safe and generally meet their needs with reasonable adjustment	The place where the child/young person lives and the places they go to may need some changes to ensure they are safe and can better meet their needs.	The place where the child/young person lives and the places they go to are often unsafe or unsuitable and need adapting; this limits their choices.