



Short Breaks services

Tell us what you think



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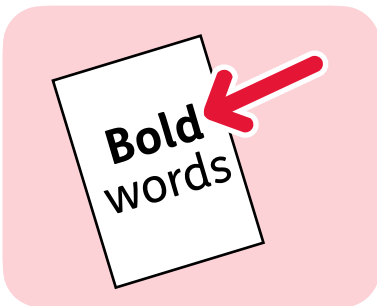
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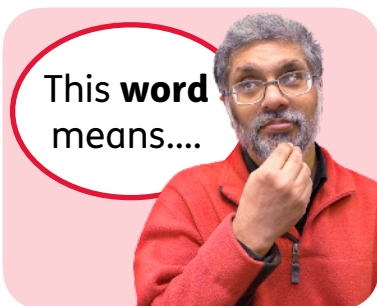
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this survey



Bristol City Council run a **Short Breaks service** for disabled young people and their families.



Our **Short Breaks service** provides activities for disabled children and young people.



We want to keep running our Short Breaks service, but we also need to spend less money on it.



We want to know how you think we should save this money.



Please answer the questions in this booklet to tell us what you think.

Short Breaks

Short Breaks provides activities for disabled young people so that they can:



- Spend time away from parents and carers.



- Take part in activities and try new things.



- Relax and have fun with friends.

This also helps the families and carers of disabled young people to:



- Relax and have a break to do other things they enjoy.



- Spend time with other family members and friends.



The activities are all different. Some are a few hours a week.



Other activities can go on for a couple of days, and young people can stay overnight.

They can take place in:



- The young person's home.



- The home of a Short Breaks carer.



- Somewhere outside of school, like an after-school club.



Bristol City Council has a Short Breaks service.



Some other Short Breaks services are run by different organisations.

We have 3 different types of Short Breaks:

Universal services



Universal services are fun activities that all families can use, like playgrounds or holiday clubs.



The law says these activities must make changes if disabled children and those with extra needs need them to take part.

These changes are called **reasonable adjustments**.



Sometimes we provide some money to these activities to help them support disabled children to take part.



This money is from a service called the **Inclusion Service**.

Targeted services



Targeted services are breaks for families who need extra support, and so can not take part in universal activities.



We get help from companies, called **providers**, to provide targeted services.



Specialist services

Specialist services are breaks for families who need a lot of extra help.



Specialist services support children whose disabilities mean they need a lot of extra help to live their daily lives.

Specialist services include:



- Staying overnight in one of our Short Breaks houses. These houses are called The Bush and Belbrook.



- Staying overnight in the home of one of our carers.



- Direct payments. We explain what these are on the next page.

Direct payments

Direct payments are when a family gets a set amount of money so they can:



- Hire a personal assistant, or



- Buy Short Breaks services from other providers.



This gives families more choice and control over the short breaks that their child takes.

Why we are making changes



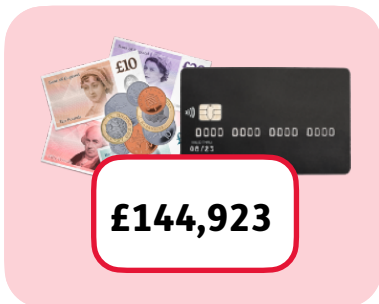
From next year, we need to spend **£273,340** less than we do now on our Short Breaks service.

We have 3 ideas on how to do this:



Internal Review

Internal Review means looking at how we work and making changes.



We think we can save **£144,923** by doing this.



We do not think this will cause big changes to how we work.

So we will not ask you about this idea.

Residential Holiday Short Breaks service



Residential Holiday Short Breaks are where children and young people stay overnight for a holiday.

Our idea is to stop this service, because:



- It has not been running since March 2022.



- It costs a lot of money.



- People often cancel their break because they are ill.



- It cannot give breaks to children and young people at all times of the year.



Stopping Residential Short Breaks would save us **£75,000**.



Question 1: How much do you agree or disagree with our idea to stop the Residential Short Breaks service?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Spending less

If we do our first 2 ideas, we would still need to save **£53,417**.



We have different choices for how we could save this money.

We will explain more about these choices in the next part of this booklet.

Saving money



We have different ideas for how we could spend £53,417 less than we do now:

Spend less money on all services



We could spend a certain **percent** less across all 3 parts of our service.

Percent means parts out of 100.



Specialist Short Breaks costs the most money, so it would need to make the biggest savings.



Targeted short breaks costs the second most money, so it would need to make smaller savings.



The Inclusion service costs the least amount of money, so it would need to make the smallest savings.



Question 2: How much do you agree or disagree with spending a certain percent less across our whole service?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Bands



We could put different services into different groups, called **bands**, depending on how much money they spend now.

There would be 3 bands:

1. Services that spend over £500,000 now.

These services would have to spend £10,000 less. This would include:



- The Bush.



- Belbrook.



- Direct Payments.



2. Services that spend between £100,000 and £300,000 now.

These services would have to spend £6,000 less. This would include:



- Family-based Short Breaks - this is where a child or young person stays in a carer's own home.



- The Inclusion Service.



- Short Breaks on evenings, weekends and holidays.



3. Services that spend less than £100,000 now.

These services would have to spend £3,000 less. This would include:



- Bristol Autism Project - this is a service that offers breaks to autistic children and their families.



- Holiday Short Breaks.



This would affect all parts of our service.

No part of the service would be affected more than any other part.



Question 3: How much do you agree or disagree with using bands to make savings?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Spend less on 1 part of our service



We could save money by spending less on just 1 part of our service.

This would affect that part a lot, but would not affect other parts at all.

Inclusion Service



We could spend £53,417 less on the **Inclusion Service**.

Remember, the **Inclusion Service** supports activities to include disabled children and children with extra needs.



Question 4: How much do you agree or disagree with the idea to spend £53,417 less on the Inclusion Service?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



We could spend £53,417 less on **Targeted Short Breaks**.

Remember, **Targeted Short Breaks** are breaks with extra support for families who are not able to take part in activities with other children.



Question 5: How much do you agree or disagree with this idea?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





We could spend £53,417 less on **Specialist Short Breaks**.

Remember, **Specialist Short Breaks** are breaks for families who need a lot of extra help.



Question 6: How much do you agree or disagree with this idea?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



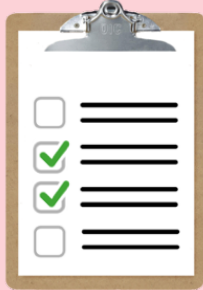
Disagree



Disagree a lot



Spend less on 2 parts of our service



We could spend **£26,709** less each on 2 parts of our service.



We could spend £26,709 less each on:

- The Inclusion Service.



- Targeted Short Breaks.



Question 7: How much do you agree or disagree with this idea?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



We could spend £26,709 less each on:



- The Inclusion Service.



- Specialist Short Breaks.



Question 8: How much do you agree or disagree with this idea?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



We could spend £26,709 less each on:



- Targeted Short Breaks.



- Specialist Short Breaks.



Question 9: How much do you agree or disagree with this?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



I think...



Question 10: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about these ideas?

Or you could tell us about your ideas to save money on our Short Breaks service.

A large, empty rectangular box with a red border, intended for the user to provide their answer to the question.

Another idea



We have another idea, to improve the **Bristol Autism Project**.



Remember, the **Bristol Autism Project** is a service that offers breaks to autistic children and their families.



We would like to stop offering the Bristol Autism Project to families who live outside of Bristol.



We would still include all families who take part in the Bristol Autism Project now, even if they live outside of Bristol.



Question 11: How much do you agree or disagree with this idea?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 12: Is there anything you would like to tell us about this idea?

Questions about you



Please answer these questions about you to help us make sure we are hearing from different groups of people.

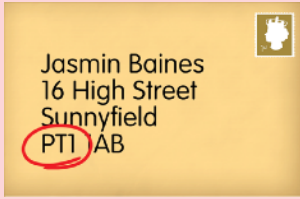


We will follow the law about keeping your information safe and private.



Question 13: Are you...

- Someone who lives in Bristol
- Working in Bristol but living somewhere else
- Answering these questions for a local business
- Answering these questions for a housing association
- Answering these questions for a community organisation
- A councillor
- An MP
- Answering these questions for a health service
- Answering these questions for a school or college
- Answering these questions for a transport company
- A worker at Bristol City Council
- Other - please say



Question 14: What is your postcode?



Question 15: How old are you?

I do not want to say



Question 16: Are you disabled?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 17: What is your ethnic group? *Only tick 1 box.*

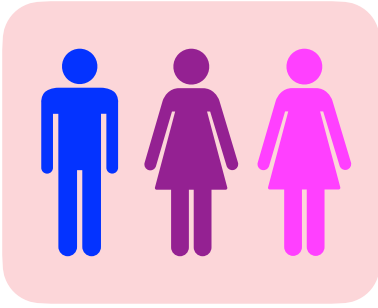
Your **ethnic group** means your race, background or the country you or your family come from.

- Asian or Asian British
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- Gypsy, Roma or Traveller
- More than 1 ethnic background
- White British
- Other White background
- I do not want to say
- Any other ethnic background - please say



Question 18: What is your religion?

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Pagan
- Sikh
- I do not want to say
- Any other religion - please say



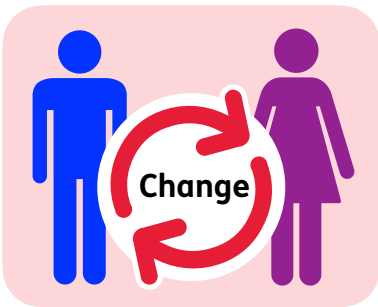
Question 19: What is your sex?

Female

Male

I do not want to say

Other - please say



Question 20: Have you changed your gender, or are you thinking of doing this?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 21: Are you...

- Bisexual - you are attracted to both men and women
- Gay or lesbian - you are attracted to people who are the same gender as you
- Heterosexual or straight - you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender to you
- I do not want to say
- Other - please say



Question 22: Are you pregnant or do you have a new baby?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 23: Are you a carer?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 24: Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

A **refugee or asylum seeker** is someone who has left their own country and asks to live in a new country.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 26: Do you think you will be affected by the options in this booklet because of who you are? Like your sex or ethnicity.

I would be affected in a very bad way

I would be affected in a bad way

I would not be affected

I would be affected in a good way

I would be affected in a very good way

If you think you will be affected because of your protected characteristic(s) please tell us how here.



Question 27: How did you hear about this questionnaire?

- Poster
- It was posted to me
- Email from the council
- A council worker told me
- Facebook
- X - used to be called Twitter
- Nextdoor
- Instagram
- Linkedin
- A message from Ask Bristol
- A group of friends
- From an organisation that I am part of

- From an organisation that helps me at work
- Local councillor or MP
- Radio or TV
- Newspaper or a news website
- Citizen Service Point
- Someone told me
- Other - please say

If you heard about this questionnaire from an organisation or group, please say which one.

Make our surveys better



Question 28a: Do you agree or disagree that you have had enough information to answer the questions?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 28b: Do you agree or disagree that having these questions has made it easy for you to say what you think?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 28c: Do you agree or disagree that this questionnaire is accessible to you?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



If you don't agree with any of the things we have done to make this survey better, please tell us why.