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– What else is available?

Universal Services: Your child can access activities available to ALL children and young people in Wiltshire. Universal services, such as leisure centres, swimming pools, libraries, playgrounds, theatres and youth clubs, for example, are provided for everyone to use and benefit from.

At Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire, we believe that as many disabled children and young people as possible should be able to access Universal Services, and during the course of the coming year we shall continue to work with colleagues to provide more opportunities.

Targeted Short Break Services in Wiltshire also provides a number of services especially designed to meet the needs of children and young people with a disability. All of these services can be accessed directly and without an assessment and include:

- Bridging Youth Projects in eight county towns designed to encourage and enable young people aged 13+ to access youth clubs.
- National Autistic Society (NAS) Youth Clubs for children aged 8-12 and 13-18 with autistic spectrum disorders, in each of four towns in Wiltshire.
- Wiltshire Wildcats – wheelchair basketball for young people with physical disabilities.
- Sports Development Scheme – provision of sports clubs and activities for children and young people with disabilities.
- Computer Animation Workshops for young people.
- Music Clubs in four areas of the county.

Information on these, and other available services, can be obtained from a range of sources including ASK and the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (contact details at the end of this section).

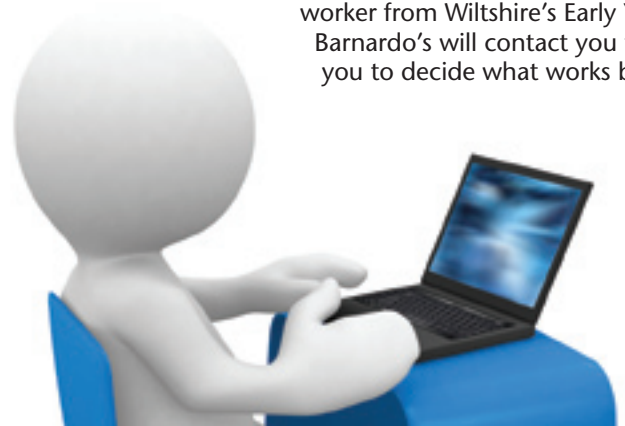
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– Can we appeal?

If you do not meet the access criteria, appeals can be made using CAF. To find out more about CAF, please speak to a professional who works with your family, or go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/commonassessmentframework

I need help understanding the 'Local Offer' and/or can't decide which option to choose – Who can help me?

If you would like to know more, or need help in understanding the Local Offer or deciding which option is most suitable for your family, please tick the appropriate box on the Registration Form. An Inclusion worker from Wiltshire's Early Years and Childcare Team or Barnardo's will contact you to talk through the options and help you to decide what works best for your family.



Section 3 Registration Form

Name of child: _____ Child's date of birth: _____

Name of Early Years setting or school: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone number: _____

Please indicate which option of the Local Offer you would like to choose: (tick one only)

Local Offer Payment (3-17yrs)

Inclusion Support Funding (3-17yrs)

Barnardo's Activity Clubs (8-17yrs)

OR

I would like some help from the Inclusion Worker



Once you have completed this form send by post to:

Katie Hunter, Aiming High for Disabled Children, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Room 280, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN



All of the work under the 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' short breaks transformation programme in Wiltshire is carried out in partnership with the 'Wiltshire Parent Carer Council'. This is a parent-led organisation that promotes the voice of parents and carers of disabled children by listening to your views about the services we provide. This feedback actively influences the way in which services are designed and delivered in Wiltshire.

If you would like to contribute to shaping the services provided, or to find out more about 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' and short break services in Wiltshire please contact:

Wiltshire Parent Carer Council

The PACT Centre, 16 High Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5AQ

Tel: 01672-569300 Email: admin@wiltspcc.co.uk www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk

You can also contact, ask, the families information service, which provides information on various services available in your community:

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Elmsgate, Edington Road, Steeple Ashton, BA14 6HP.

Tel: 01380 871200 Local Helpline: 08457 585072 Fax: 01380 87130

Email: info@askwiltshire.org www.askwiltshire.org

Information about Wiltshire Council services can be made available in other formats (such as large print or audio) and languages on request. Please contact the council on 0300 456 0100, by textphone on (01225) 712500 or by email on customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk



Aiming high for disabled children

Wiltshire local offer 2010-2011 for Disabled Children and Young People 0-17yrs

One of the ways that Wiltshire Council offers short breaks to disabled children and young people is through the 'Local Offer'. The 'Local Offer' has been designed to let families choose the type of short break that works best for them.

The 'Local Offer' will be in place from 1 May 2010 and will be in effect until 31 March 2011 subject to review. At the end of this period the 'Local Offer' will be reviewed to ensure that it is best meeting the needs of disabled children and young people in Wiltshire.

This booklet sets out details of **who** can access the 'Local Offer', **what** short break choices are available and **how** to register. Within each age range, you can choose the short break option that best meets the needs of your children and families.



How does it work?

Section 1 Find out if your child is eligible. **Section 2** Decide which short break option is best for your family. **Section 3** Make your choice or tell us if you need further help.

Section 1 Access Criteria	Section 2 Choices Available
<p>Children aged 0-3 who are resident in Wiltshire and who are not yet in receipt of 'Free Entitlement funding' who have been identified through a 'Common Assessment Framework' (CAF) as having additional needs.</p>	<p>Funded sessions at a District Specialist Centre or Early Years Setting. The number of sessions provided will be agreed for each child.</p>
<p>Children aged 3-4 who are in receipt of, or entitled to 'Free Entitlement Funding' who are not yet at school and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are resident in Wiltshire, and• who receive one to one support in their nursery setting, or• have been assessed as requiring one to one support in a nursery setting <p>will be entitled to access the local offer without an assessment.</p>	<p>1. A local offer payment of £600, payable to families, to enable children and young people to access services or support of their choosing.</p> <p>or</p> <p>2. Inclusion Support Funding of £600 that will be administered by the council to provide financial or staffing support to enable children and young people to access short break opportunities of their choosing.</p>
<p>Children aged 4-7 who are at school, or entitled to be at school, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are resident in Wiltshire, and• attend a special school (in or out of county), or• attend a mainstream school or unit, and receive a minimum of 25 hours a week support, or the equivalent <p>will be entitled to access the local offer without an assessment.</p>	<p>1. A local offer payment of £600, payable to families to enable children and young people to access services or support of their choosing.</p> <p>or</p> <p>2. Inclusion Support Funding of £600 that will be administered by the council to provide financial or staffing support to enable children and young people to access short break opportunities of their choosing.</p>
<p>Children & young people aged 8-17 who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are resident in Wiltshire, and• attend a special school (in or out of county), or• attend a mainstream school or unit, and receive a minimum of 25 hours a week support, or the equivalent <p>will be entitled to access the local offer without an assessment.</p>	<p>1. Barnardo's 90 hours of regular activity clubs held on weekends, evenings and holidays.</p> <p>or</p> <p>2. A local offer payment of £600, payable to families to enable children and young people to access services or support of their choosing.</p> <p>or</p> <p>3. Inclusion Support Funding of £600 that will be administered by the council to provide financial or staffing support to enable children and young people to access short break opportunities of their choosing.</p>

Further Information on Choices Available

District Specialist Centre or Early Years setting

Children aged 0-3yrs

Parents whose children have difficulties and disabilities are able to choose where their child attends Early Year's provision. All settings should be suitable for all children; however some children may need more support that would include a range of specialist day care and family support services.

Access to this service is through a 'Common Assessment Framework' (CAF). To find out more about CAF, please speak to a professional who works with your family, or go to:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/commonassessmentframework



Local Offer Payment £600

Children aged 3-17yrs

Families can choose to receive a payment instead of accessing a service directly. This means that you can spend the money in a way that is most useful for your family. You may choose to pay for a few swimming lessons, a or some equipment, or you could employ a support worker to help your child access the wider community – it is up to you, just as long as the break provides a fun and enjoyable experience for your child.

Payment will be made twice in a year – the first payment of £400 will be made after April 2010. The second payment, of £200, will be made after September 2010. In response to feedback, the April payment is greater to provide more opportunities over the summer.



Applications for the first payment must be made before September, or payment will be reduced accordingly. The 'Local Offer Payment' is available until March 2011, when the service will be reviewed.

The small print

- Your child must meet the access criteria.
- You must have a bank account for the funds to be paid into.
- The funds must be used to provide a fun, enjoyable short break for your child.
- You must return a simple monitoring form to let us know how the funds have been spent – this helps us to plan services for the future. Your second payment will not be released until we have received your first form. The first form must be received by the end of August and the second form by the end of February 2011.

Note: If you choose to use your 'Local Offer Payment' to employ someone, there are certain responsibilities you need to be aware of. You may be required to:

- keep records and account for tax and national insurance
- pay employer's liability insurance
- offer a contract of employment.

Compass Disability Services can advise and support you with this, for a fee. If you decide to take this option Compass Disability Services will send you information on the help and support they can offer.

Inclusion Support Fund £600

Children aged 3-17yrs

The 'Inclusion Support Fund' is managed by Wiltshire Council's Early Years and Childcare Team. It supports mainstream and specialist activity providers in offering services to children with disabilities. It also assists parents in organising childcare and activities for their disabled children.

If parents feel that they need professional assistance in arranging activities for their children, then they may choose the 'Inclusion Support Fund' option. The team would hold the child's £600 allocation and a worker would have regular discussions with the parents/carer about how they wish the money to be spent. The worker would then arrange payments directly to those services.



Barnardo's regular activity clubs 90 hours

Children aged 8-17 yrs

Barnardo's offer regular activity clubs on weekends, evenings and during the school holidays, using a range of venues including schools, youth and community buildings, Barnardo's in Trowbridge and Leisure centres where appropriate. The service is currently being developed so that the following clubs and holiday schemes will be available across Wiltshire for children and young people in two age groups: 8-14, and 13-17:

8-14 yrs: Explorers Club

- Weekly evening club for 2 hour sessions during term-time.
- Fortnightly Saturday morning club, for 3 hours. There may be an option for sessions to be lengthened into the afternoon, but only to attend monthly.
- Holiday club up to 15 days of 6 hour sessions during school holidays.



13-17 yrs: Adventurers Club

- Fortnightly Saturday afternoon club for 3 hours. There may be an option for sessions to be lengthened into the morning, but only attend monthly.
- Holiday club for up to 15 days of 6 hour sessions during school holidays.
- Various courses, for example, dance, sports, social skills and 'speaking out' on weekday evenings, in 6-8 week blocks.

In developing its service, Barnardo's will be speaking to families to find out about their preferences and will set up groups accordingly and in response to feedback.

What's Happening Now?

For the first 6 months of this service (ie from June 2010), most sessions will run for 6 hours and are available monthly as a 'Saturday Club', and for 1 or 2 days a week during the school holidays as a 'Play Scheme'. Provision in the South is slightly less. From the summer holidays Barnardo's will be charging £5 per 3 hour session and £10 per 6 hour session.

Families choosing the other 'Local Offer' options will also be expected to contribute towards the overall costs of providing short breaks to their children.

Children with Complex Health and Physical Needs

Barnardo's will also offer holiday activities in a small group setting to children with complex health needs and those who are physically very vulnerable. Like the groups listed above, these groups will be age divided and offer a wide range of activities.

