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Dear Parent/Carer

Short Break services for children and young people with disabilities

I am writing to tell you about the next stage of consultation for children's short break services.

Recently you may have talked to us about our new approach for short breaks. If you came to an engagement event, or completed our survey, thank you.

The feedback from our consultation on the strategy showed that there was support for the overall approach and principles outlined in the strategy.

Why are you asking me?

Now we have agreed the strategy we need to decide what short breaks will be offered and how they will be allocated. If you use short break services, it is very important that you have your say about this.

We will use the information you have already given us but are asking disabled children and their families to help us by answering some more questions.

What do you want my views about?

Your views have helped us to draft a framework (service statement) which will guide how we will deliver short breaks for children and young people in the future.

We need to understand if you agree or disagree with how we have expressed key elements of the service statement. These elements are how we will:

- define what a short break service is
- make access to short break services fair
- know who is eligible for short break services
- make sure people get the right type of short break to meet their needs
- be clear about how short breaks will be funded
- make sure services meet existing and future need

How you can give your views?

You can have your say by:

- completing our survey online go to ['Have your say'](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) on www.buckscc.gov.uk

- copies of the survey will be available from the service who gave you this letter
- you can email us at shortbreaks@buckscc.gov.uk
- you can call us on 01296 383 122 and leaving a message
- coming along to and talk to us (more details below)
- writing to us at the address at the top of this letter

This consultation will run from the **5 November 2018 – 14 January 2019**

The results of the consultation will be published on our website www.buckscc.gov.uk

Talk to us

If you have any questions please come to one of our 'Talk to us' sessions or call us 01296 383122. You do not need to book a session. Just drop by. Copies of the questionnaire will be available and a comment box for anyone who is unable to come at times.

Location	Where	Date	Time
Aylesbury	Library (Study Centre)	15 November	10am -12pm
High Wycombe	Library	15 November	5pm – 7pm
Buckingham	Library	21 November	10pm – 12pm
Burnham	Library	20 December	10am – 12pm
Chesham	Library	3 January	12pm – 2pm

Next steps

We will review all feedback and use it to develop the framework for the delivery of a new short breaks service planned for 2019.

We look forward to receiving your views.

Yours sincerely



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