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Dear Provider,

I am pleased to confirm that the Provider List for Break Time, Home Care and Short Breaks Services for children and young people with disabilities has now reopened for new applications.

Please be aware that all existing Lancashire Break Time arrangements will cease on the 31st March 2022 and these will be replaced by Break Time activities from the 1st April.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some of the positive changes ahead of the 1st April 2022. Apply to join the Provider List and you will benefit from the following:

Supporting providers – by increasing the Break Time hourly rate to a maximum of £13.50 plus a minimum contribution of £2.00 per hour from parents and carers towards activities and groups. We will also commit to block booking any activities for the year ahead to support schools and families to plan better. We will also provide an annual uplift to support staffing and other associated costs

Improving service quality – children and young people will be at the centre of services. There will be a greater focus on positive outcomes and supporting independence.

Strengthening the approach to contracting – by being clear with Providers about our requirements, regular contract monitoring and quality assurance. Annual uplifts will also be available for Providers on the Provider List.

Existing children and young people whose current provider are awarded a place on the Provider List can remain with their existing provider to ensure continuity of care, unless they expressly choose otherwise.

We remain committed to developing short breaks services across Lancashire for children and young people with SEND so that they and their families are supported to feel safe, healthy and achieve their full potential.

We will continue to work in collaboration with our providers, the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum, POWAR (our participation network for children and young people with SEND), children and young people and their parents and carers so that we can make sure that there is a range of good quality short breaks available across Lancashire.

Providers who may be interested in delivering the Break Time activities are invited to an engagement event, the purpose of this event is to give you the opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about Short Break services in Lancashire.

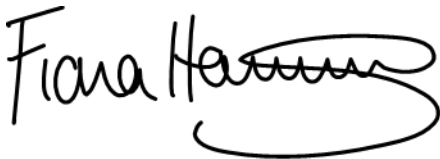
Break Time Online engagement event for providers – Tuesday 22 February 15:30 17:00.

To register for the event or if you have any questions or want to explore the possibilities, please contact the cyp-shortbreaks@lancashire.gov.uk mailbox alternatively, you can contact Lisa Taylor on 01772 531 389.

Further information about this procurement opportunity can be found please follow this link [Tenders and procurement - Lancashire County Council](#).

You can read Lancashire County Council's Short Break Statement on the Local Offer at: [Lancashire Short Break Services Statement - Lancashire County Council](#)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Harris-Hilton'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Fiona Harris-Hilton
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