



Break Time Network Event

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Welcomes and Introductions

- Lisa Taylor - Commissioning Manager
- Sarah Deady – Short Breaks Commissioning and Development Officer
- Anna Burkinshaw – Local Offer Development Officer
- Kirsty Harrison- Category Manager





Agenda

- Outline the Break Time and Break Time Plus service
- Set out the vision and model of delivery
- Set out the commissioning intentions
- Answer any questions



Responsibilities

The Children Act 1989 requires that local authorities provide a range of services including day care, overnight care, educational or leisure activities for disabled children and services to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

Short breaks services are vitally important to families with children and young people who have a disability. These breaks provide essential and needed support to families, whilst offering the children and young people positive experiences and stimulating activities. In summary, these services support both carers and the children/young people themselves.



New model of delivery

We have developed an **open framework** called a '**Provider List**'. This list is now used to help identify and arrange services for disabled children, young people and families needing support.

The '**Provider List**' is made up of organisations including schools, academies, homecare agencies and the voluntary sector.

Services include –

Targeted Short Breaks - Break Time

Specialist Short Breaks - Break Time Plus, Day Time, Night Time and Intensive Positive Behaviour Support)

Providers are awarded a contract and a place on the Provider List following a successful application which is subject to quality and price checks to make sure that Service Providers meet certain standards.



Vision

Break Time is an integral part of the wider support offer for children and young people with SEND

- We want to provide even more Break Time services that are safe, interesting and enriching and, which enable children to participate fully

We want to:

- Develop a much more diverse offer of Break Time activities, delivered by trained staff in a safe environment that are suitable for children and young people with different needs
- Develop an offer which provides more choice and locations for children and young people with SEND
- Improve inclusion and accessibility within Break Time provision as part of a wider programme of activities throughout 2023 and beyond.



The Break Time story so far (2022/23)...

1512 -Break Time registrations have been processed

1321 -Break Time Memberships have been agreed

89% of parents* intend to register again for year two

*of 129 surveyed

19 - **Break Time** Providers

8 - **Break Time Plus** Providers



What is Break Time?

Break Time provides a range of activities and groups for children and young people with SEND who meet the criteria to attend and who do not receive short breaks following a social care assessment of need.

- ✓ Activities are delivered by a range of organisations including schools, sports clubs and charities
- ✓ Activities range from arts/crafts, gaming, drama, dance and music, accessible sports, day trips and sessions that build independence skills
- ✓ Opportunities run throughout the year and take place all over Lancashire
- ✓ They are available in the daytime, evenings, weekends, after school and during school holidays
- ✓ The offer is for up to **78 hours of Break Time hours** within a financial year (April to March)
- ✓ Annual registration is required



What is Break Time Plus?

Break Time Plus are for children and young people with SEND who receive short breaks through a child's plan following a Child and Family assessment of need (up to the age of 18) which means they are not eligible for activities and groups funded through Break Time.

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- ✓ Opportunities run throughout the year and take place all over Lancashire
- ✓ They are available in the daytime, evenings, weekends, after school and during school holidays
- ✓ Some children/young people may require 1:1 or 2:1 support to meet their individual needs
- ✓ Break Time Plus groups and activities are funded through a support plan or a Direct Payment



Service Specification

The Service Specification includes the provision for:

- **Lot 1a Break Time**
- **Lot 1b Break Time Plus**
- **Lot 2a Day Time** (*community*)
- **Lot 2b Day Time** (*personal care*)
- **Lot 3 Night Time**
- **Lot 4 Intensive Positive Behaviour Support**



Lots 1a and 1b

Service area	Description
Lot 1 a - Break Time (Group based activities)	Group-based social, leisure and sports activities which can include evening activities such as youth groups, weekend activities and school holiday clubs. For children with disabilities with an unassessed need .
Lot 1 b – Break Time Plus (Group based activities)	Group-based social, leisure and sports activities which can include evening activities such as youth groups, weekend activities and school holiday clubs. For children with disabilities who have an assessed need



Group sizes

Group-based activities must be organised so as to maximise the opportunity for positive outcomes for children and young people. *Group sizes as a minimum must be six or more children and young people with SEND.*

The size, staffing ratio, day, time and duration of organised group-based activities should be set in order to accommodate, as far as possible, the needs and aspirations of the whole group and their families.

- Lot 1a - **Break Time** – Children and young people with an **Un-assessed need**
- Lot 1b - **Break Time Plus** - Children and young people with **Assessed needs**



Price

- Providers are required to submit a Price for **each session** that they will be able to offer under the Service Contract and Service Specifications for these Lots.
- The Authority have a set budget each financial year for these Lots and will not expect to pay more than the equivalent of **£13.50 an hour per child** for these Services. *Group sizes as a minimum must be six or more children.*
- The session Price must remain the same for the Contract Year (12 months from the Provider List Commencement Date) and will be subject to an annual CPI uplift.
- Charges parent/carers will pay in for any activity they booked and this will be paid a **£2 minimum contribution**. This will be paid directly by the parent/carer to the Service Provider(s)



Measuring impact and effectiveness

- A set of common outcomes have been developed which ALL Service Providers and schools must stretch and aspire to achieve, seeking to add value to children's experiences and outcomes.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) across all service areas.
- Performance and Outcome Monitoring Framework in place
- Evaluation survey for parent carers, children and young people to measure the customer experience



Working in partnership

- ✓ We value our relationship with Service Providers
- ✓ We work closely with children/young people and parent carers – they are at the heart of service delivery
- ✓ We listen and respond to ensure we understand and meet local need
- ✓ We ensure where and when there are issues that we act quickly to ensure good quality services continue
- ✓ We are clear about our requirements, quality standards, performance, and the monitoring arrangements
- ✓ We work in collaboration with our Service Providers



The Local Offer

- The Local Offer provides information about SEND services in Lancashire available to children and young people aged 0-25 and their families.
- The Local Offer has a website, a “Latest News” feed, a quarterly SEND newsletter, a SEND Directory of services and a Facebook Group with over 6000 followers!
- We support Break Time providers and Break Time members by uploading information onto the website, sharing posters and flyers in our newsletter and on our social media platforms and adding your contact details to the SEND Directory.



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