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Short breaks for disabled children

The evidence from the Government's evaluation

Date: Wednesday 23 March 2011

Venue: ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1

Key speakers

Chair: **Dame Philippa Russell** Chair,
Standing Commission on Family Carers

Chris Hatton Professor of Psychology,
Health and Social Care, Centre for
Disability Research, Lancaster University

Rob Greig Chief Executive, National
Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)

Sarah Teather MP Minister for State
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9.30am Registration

10.00am Welcome and introduction

Chair: **Dame Philippa Russell** *Chair, Standing Commission on Family Carers*

10.10am Opening session

The impact of short breaks on disabled children and their families

The results from the Department for Education commissioned research into the impact of the current initiative to improve short breaks

Chris Hatton *Professor of Psychology, Health and Social Care, Centre for Disability Research, Lancaster University*

Improving commissioning and delivery

The learning outcomes from the Department for Education commissioned evaluation of how the 21 Pathfinder sites went about improving short breaks.

Rob Greig *Chief Executive, National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)*

11.30am Refreshments

12.00pm Parallel workshop sessions

A. Making parental empowerment work

How the effective involvement of parents and families results in better services and outcomes

Rob Fountain *Head of Training, Shared Care Network*

B. Using an individual outcomes framework to commission short breaks

Commissioning and planning short breaks by using an outcomes framework for individual services

Alison Cathles *Commissioning Manager – Aiming High for Disabled Children, Gloucestershire County Council*

C. Developing a costing model for short breaks

The costing model commissioned by the Department for Education, to understand the financial effectiveness of short breaks.

Samantha McDermid *Research Associate, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University (invited)*

D. Partnerships and progress

Practical examples on how to develop effective partnerships between all players, including families and providers, and use this to improve short breaks.

Toby Price *Commissioning Manager, Sutton Borough Council*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Workshop sessions repeated

3.15pm Closing session

The Government's policy and plans for disabled children including the future of short breaks.

Sarah Teather MP *Minister for State for Children and Families (invited)*

4.15pm Panel discussion

4.30pm Networking, refreshments and conference close

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About the conference

As part of the Every Disabled Child Matters initiative, the Government provided new policy advice and additional funding to improve short breaks for disabled children and their families. The Government has recently announced new money for short breaks and so this conference will help those involved in commissioning and providing these services, by sharing the results of the Government's own evaluation of the short breaks programme including:

- research into the impact of short breaks on disabled children and their families
- the evaluation of the 21 Pathfinder sites, reviewing what worked in terms of local change strategies
- examples of best practice from around the country.

Aims of the conference

Delegates attending this conference will gain knowledge about:

- the latest evidence about the impact of short breaks on disabled children and their families
- change strategies that can be applied at a local level to help take forward improvements in short breaks for disabled children
- practical ideas on how to improve local services in areas such as outcomes frameworks, costing of services and parental involvement.

About NDTi

NDTi (www.ndti.org.uk) is a not for profit organisation concerned with promoting inclusion and equality for people who are at risk of exclusion and who need support to lead a full life. We have a particular interest in issues around age, disability and health. In undertaking this work, we particularly aim to:

- shape and influence policy and public debate
- enable a stronger voice of people to be heard
- support services to work in ways that promote inclusive lives
- support communities to be welcoming and inclusive.



Key themes

- Personalisation
- Inclusion and the Big Society
- Parental empowerment
- Effective commissioning

Who should attend?

This conference will be of interest to anyone involved in commissioning, planning or providing short breaks for disabled children, as well as families and voluntary groups involved in campaigning and representation.



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