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|---------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Parenting     | In substantial excess of that which would be provided to a child by parent/carer without impairment. Immediate risk of family breakdown without agencies' intervention/ or statutory obligation to provide. | Parent/carer might need a break from the constant supervision of complex health care needs (manual handling). Severe sleep deprivation. | Parent /carer having considerable difficulty in providing physical, emotional care, supervision or communication required due to child's impairment <b>or</b> the relationship with main carer/parent is at risk of breakdown. | Parent/carer managing, but there could be a substantial risk of harm or family breakdown, planned intervention likely to prevent reaching the critical stage. | Carers / parent are however coping with some difficulty. Parent / carers do need a break to spend time with other children in the family or to meet their own social needs. | Carers are showing signs of deteriorating health or stress. The demands of caring for the child with a disability means they cannot provide appropriate care and involvement in other children's lives. | Advice, information and signposting |



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|------------------------|---|--|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Family and Environment | Sole parent/carer illness, impairment, bereavement or addiction. Child with extreme levels of challenging behaviour poses a risk to carers and other family members | Carers unable to maintain safe level of care without some personal time<br>There is a risk of serious harm to another persons health and safety. |                    |                |               |                | Advice, information and signposting |

### **Short Breaks Service – Eligibility Criteria**

The short breaks programme is open to **all** children and young people who:

- have a disability and additional needs and may require support to participate fully in leisure or recreation activities;
- are between 0 and their 19th birthday;
- live on the Isle of Wight and/or attend a school on the Isle of Wight.

We want to enable children and young people with disabilities and additional needs to join in with safe, entertaining and interesting activities, whilst giving their parents or full-time carers an opportunity to have a short break from caring. There is no limit to the number of short breaks activities your child can participate in, and you can mix and match activities to suit your family's needs and the things that your child or young person likes to do.

The short breaks programme funds two main types of activities:

- Specialist activities – run specifically for children and young people with moderate or complex needs.
- Support to attend mainstream activities, play schemes clubs and groups.

We are aware that financial difficulties can be an issue for many families, so we have asked all activity providers to consider this when applying for their Short Break grant.

