

Evaluation criteria for Short Break Grant Applications

These areas will be considered by the Short Breaks Grant Panel when evaluating applications for funding:

- * Availability for other activities/provision in the local area.
- * Need of the activity/provision.
- * Past performance of the provider (e.g. data collection, feedback from parents/users of provisions).
- * Affordability and value for money.
- * Accessibility for all children with disabilities and additional needs.
- * Safety of the provision.
- * Reports from Young Inspectors program.
- * Attending providers forums (four out of the six per year)

All applications will be considered on merit and the following will not be funded through short breaks funding:

- General management costs
- Training
- Marketing
- Building refurbishments
- Refreshments/snacks
- Personal equipment, clothing or other personal/commercial gain

After due consideration the Short Breaks Panel will cap the funding available for a support worker to a maximum of £12 per hour. When looking at the staffing cost attributable to other staff members the application will be reviewed and considered on its individual merit, this will include consideration of the cost incurred in securing a staff member who is suitably qualifications, skills and experience).