

# YOUNG INSPECTORS

## A guide to the Young Inspectors Programme



**SHORT BREAKS**  
FUN FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

## **What is the Young Inspectors programme?**

The 'Young Inspectors programme' has been developed by Short Breaks to include the voice of children and young people within their Service. Our aim is to enable service users to carry out the role of a 'Young Inspector', so feedback gained can be used to develop Short Breaks to better meet their needs.



Young people aged 7-19, will form a skilled workforce, working in small groups to assess particular provisions and activities through participating, observing and giving their opinions (via a child friendly questionnaire), with the opportunity to give additional feedback if necessary.

### **The aims of the Young Inspectors Initiative will support:**

- Children and young people in receiving the best possible standards from services that work with them or have an impact on them.
- Young individual's participation in the Short Breaks service, empowering them to make their voices heard.
- Gaining advice on improvements through feedback.
- Continuing to use the Young Inspectors Initiative as a reflective tool for improving practice and implementing change in the future.

### **What the Young Inspectors Programme expects from participants involved.**

**Young Inspectors-** will be expected to inspect fun activities or events, while filling out the differentiated questionnaire. This will be over a period of six months. This will be with the support of involvement officer at the end of the session. For each activity or

event inspected the Young person will receive £5 in a voucher of their choosing. This will be awarded to them at the Young Inspectors party at the end the year.



**Parents and Carers-** Parents/carers will be expected to bring the Young Person to the activity or event (mileage can be claimed.) Too stay with the Young Person if deemed appropriate and pick them up from the activity. For parents and carers supporting services users in taking part, they will be reimbursed for core costs (we will require a record of receipt):

- Mileage at 45p per mile
- Parking: up to £6.60 for a day's parking
- Activity cost for individual participating the activity

**Involvement Officer-** the Involvement Officer will be expected to the meet the Young Inspectors at the end of the session and offer support if needed in evaluating the short break activity. The involvement Officer will then write up the report with the Young Inspectors leader. They will then finalise the report which will be sent to the Young Inspectors and published on the website. As well as being fed back to providers to make appropriate changes within their service.

**Young Inspectors Leader-** The leader is a new position within the Young Inspectors programme and will be chosen through a voting

system. Any Young Inspector can volunteer for the role and there will be a re-vote at the end of the yearly period. The Young inspectors' leader will be expected to write the final report with the Involvement Officer each month. Also to take lead on any activities and make any new Young Inspectors feel welcome.

Alternatively if you have any questions you can always contact the Involvement Officer Kristy on the details below:

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