



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Shorbreaks Funday 2014

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Short Breaks have introduced the ‘Young Inspectors’ program as part of the service commitment to provide:

‘The opportunity for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to contribute to the decision-making and development of services for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs on the Isle of Wight’.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the short breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

Report Summary

Staff	Overall (star awarding) Out of 3 stars	Did they meet the Young Inspectors needs?
Fun and Enjoyment		Yes see Point 5.1
Accessibility		Yes see Point 5.2
Safety and Surroundings		Yes see Point 5.3
Staff		Yes see point 5.4

Details about the provision being inspected

Overview of the organisation/service: Short Breaks

Where they are situated: Medina leisure centre playing field

What they provide: A fun day for children and young people with disabilities or/and additional needs.

This included visual shows in the arena such as magicians, Horse shows, Falconary, Childrens entertainers, celebrity singers and dancing.

The stalls included lots of information for parents such as the blind societ and the SEND reform. As well as information fun stalls, such as bouncy castles, ball pit, Hook a duck, fun games, interactive plant pot making, football, arts and crafts and singing and dancing.

There was also supplied a soft room which had toys ans senory equipment for children and young people.

All refereshments were free on the day and there healthy options as well as a burger van and ice cream van.

When is it available: Once a year

How much is costs: Free

Who to contact to book: No booking

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1.0 Introduction: Why we inspected The Short Breaks fun day?

Young Inspectors decided to inspect the Fun day to get the opinions and views of young people. The Short Breaks fun day is an Isle of Wight Council event designed for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs, the inspection was to identify whether the event needs were met of those attending. By collating data from Young people it allows The Short Breaks team understand what young people would like next year at our annual fun day. It also helps us improve on important areas that Young Inspectors deemed important to them. There were stalls to collate information for what activities young people wanted. This information gives qualitative data to the Short breaks team and allows them to expand on the range of activities that are offered to young people with disabilities and additional needs as part of the Isle of Wight council.

2.0 Methodology: How we inspected fun day?

The Young Inspectors on the day were made up of two boys who were ages of 14 and 15. The others were two girls who were ages 15 and 18. All included a variation of needs such as cerebral palsy, ASD and Noonan syndrome. All have different abilities and physically and mentally.

Two young people went around the fun day together and then with the support of the involvement officer filled in the feedback forms after.

One young person went round with the involvement Officer.

The last young person went to the fun day then took the questionnaire with a family member and walked around with the feedback form. The feedback form was split in categories and looked at Staff, accessibility, fun and enjoyment and safety and surroundings. This is later looked at within the report in detail.

On the Fun day the Young Inspectors looked at the entertainment, stalls available and the site itself including accessibility to the site and into the marquees and hall.

3.0 Summary of Findings: What the Young Inspectors found

Overall at the Short breaks fun day seemed to be a success as young people's feedback was positive and they enjoyed the day.

Staff overall young inspectors were happy with and awarded them as good.

Asking the young people regarding safety they had no issues regarding safety, however, it was discovered that some young people in wheel chairs came across obstacles which obstructed their walking.

With regards to accessibility young inspectors felt they should ignore the question regarding lift access. This was mainly because the event took place outside. Overall young inspectors were happy with the accessibility around and into the fun day.

Fun and enjoyment was a big hit for most Young inspectors as from the awards given to it everyone enjoyed this.

4.0 Recommendations: How the activity can be made better?

When speaking to one of the young people she stated that

“You should do more things inside cause she got really hot. And, there should be a computer hub or games zone for older children so I could play minecraft.”

Another young Inspector quoted

“It’s just gets better and bigger every year, I can’t wait until next year.”

As the Young Inspectors is a relatively new programme in next year’s fun day we will be consulting with Young Inspectors to make them more involved in the planning of the fun day.

5.0 Review analysis: - What we reviewed

What we are analysing, considering. What are the motivational factors influencing children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to participate in Short Breaks provisions.

5.1 Staff

Staffing overall was awarded 3 stars stating that staff was friendly, funny, helpful, and fun. The young inspectors also felt they were listened to and was greeted well on the entry to the fun day.

However, there was one Young Inspector that stated 'I struggle to know if people were nice to me or not'. This person did not think that staff were funny but in all other areas were ok. However, the overall enjoyment of the day was awarded 3 stars.

To summarise most young people found that staff on the day of the Short Breaks fun day was good.

5.2 Fun and Enjoyment

Overall for fun and enjoyment it was awarded 3 stars.

One of the questions was did you make new friends?

Red stickers were put here to indicate no, however some of the comments we had were

"I didn't make any friends today but I felt if I wanted to I could have"

"I didn't make any friends but I find it hard to make friends, I did see some people from school I knew though and I spoke to them."

Overall Young Inspectors enjoyed the day and had fun.

5.3 Accessibility

All accessibility questions received a good except for clear signs as one of the comments made were

“I saw the signs for the wheel chair access, but I saw some people struggling down the hill with wheel chairs, maybe they didn’t realise there was wheel chair access around the back.”

This was the same when discussing the ramp that maybe people were not aware there was access, however, all of our Young Inspectors did see the signs.

5.4 Safety and Surroundings

Safety and surroundings was awarded 3 stars also. One of the questions referred to whether Young people felt safe at the fun day, Young Inspectors marked this as ok but went on to say

“Sometimes it’s not the place that doesn’t make me feel safe it’s me inside as I can be quite a nervous person, but I felt more safe than usual.”

Many felt there were obstacles in the way getting around the site, when talking to Young Inspectors they felt that this was mainly people not moving out of the way for them. This was the main obstacles that Young Inspectors felt were in there way of accessibility.

One of the Young Inspectors also said

“The age isn’t good as I’m 14 and there’s nothing for me to do as I don’t like crafts or hair and beauty, I would like computer games here”

6.0 Provider Feedback

This section is for the Activity Provider to comment on the YIP report and contest with any discrepancies or perceived inaccuracies and highlight how they plan to work towards meeting the aims of YI through

Provider consultation - suggests a need to speak over report with line manager/program worker prior to being published within the public domain.

“Firstly I would like to thank the Young Inspectors for undertaking an inspection of the Short Breaks Fun Day. The feedback we have received was great and will be used when planning next year’s event. There were some quite clear issues with wheelchair accessibility which the Short Breaks Team will strive to rectify next year with clearer signage and staff around the entrance and exit to guide wheelchair users to the accessible areas. I am pleased to see the Young Inspectors enjoyed the event and this reflects the feedback we have had from others who attended the event. As our Involvement Officer has suggested we will include the Young Inspectors in the planning of next year’s event to ensure we have entertainment and activities which are suitable for all that are attending. Again thank you for this report and we would like you to come back to inspect again next year so we can continually improve this event.”

Mark Dawkins (Team Leader - Community Resources)