



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Active Living Youth Club

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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The ‘Young Inspectors’ program is part of the Short Breaks 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:

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1.0 Details about the provision and what was inspected

Active Living provide a youth club for young people with disabilities and or additional needs the oppurtunity to participate in arts and crafts, cooking, sports, gardening, trips and other activities.

Overview of the organisation/service:

The organisation offers various activities and allows young people to socialise and make new friends.

What they provide: They provide various activities to encourage Young people to socialise with the opportunity to try various activities.

When is it available: Monday evenings

How much is costs: £2.50p each which includes travel from St Georges school

Who to contact to book: Georgia Newell

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Active living?

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Active living?

Youth Club is one of the Short Breaks providers and Young Inspectors went along for a regular session to see how it was run and what they thought about the provision. In total there were five young inspectors and they were all of different abilities and genders.

4.0 Review analysis- We reviewed the provision overall by spending time at the youth club session and participating in activities that happen during a regular session. All questions and comments were taken from Young Inspectors from various methods that suited them.

4.1 Staff



All Young Inspectors stated that staff were friendly, funny and happy. They also said when they arrived all staff made them feel welcome and said hello nicely.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment



Young Inspectors gave fun and enjoyment three stars, they explained there is a lot to do and one Young inspector made lots of new friends and would like to return next week. They enjoyed playing on the computer games and all the different activities offered.

4.3 Accessibility



Accessibility was given two stars. One young inspector was a wheelchair user and said they found it accessible and could get around easy. However, when arriving they didn't know where to go and would recommend a sign on the door and an arrow of how to get in. There was also no sign to the disabled toilet which they thought might be helpful. Young Inspectors also said how much they enjoyed this and would like to see more sessions go on throughout the week.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings



Safety and surroundings were good at youth club and all Young Inspectors felt safe when they were there. They did recommend that maybe they should be told not to go outside or into other parts of the building as some children may not know where they can and not go.

4.5 Food and Dining experience

Everyone enjoyed the food at youth club and said it was really yummy. One young inspector stated there could be more healthy options available, but when she spoke to the staff they explained this was something they were looking at in the future.

4.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young inspectors said they really enjoyed their time at youth club and enjoyed the experience lots of them will return again as they liked it so much. One regular said that she would hate it if it shut as she would miss her friends and she really enjoys herself there.

5.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

Recommendations from Young Inspectors were that there could be more visuals around the place. This is so people know where to go if they are new. They also recommend some healthier snacks and more sessions on in the week or of a weekend.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Views from Young Inspectors were that they had a great time and would like to come back again. Some children that had been before said they also enjoy the session every week and just like hanging out and being a teenager.

6.2 Short Breaks recommendations

Recommendations from Short Breaks reflect that there could be more visuals that maybe young people could design themselves and put them up. As well as a, possibility off more sessions in the future. Short Breaks felt it was a really good service and everyone there was having fun and interacting really well.

7.0 Determining overall award

An overall award for Youth Clubs is three stars.



8.0 Provider feedback

We really enjoy providing this service and having the Young Inspectors feedback. We have taken on the comments provided and will look to implement some alternative healthier food options, this was tried from the outset but the options where not taken up. However we have looked into other ideas to create a healthier balance and hope to provide this in the future. Unfortunately at the time of the inspectors visit there was little signage this is due to the works currently going on in the building and new signage being created for the whole building. However we will ensure the board at the front of reception is kept up to date so it is clear what room we are in. In addition we really like the suggestion of our attendees creating the sign for reception and will bring this idea to the sessions.

We would like to thank the young inspectors for their time and valid comments. We are thrilled to have received three stars for our service.