



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Premier Sports

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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 Break 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 that was inspected

The service offers Young people from ages 5-15 chances to participate in sporting activities such as rock climbing, trampolining, Dance, archery and cycling.

Overview of the organisation/service:

Provisions of this service is to encourage children to participate in individual sport and team sports by learning various different skills.

What they provide:

There are various group activities that children can access such as rock climbing, archery, trampolining and other activities.

When is it available: Saturday and holiday sessions

How much is the costs: £10 half a day £25 for a full day

Who to contact to book: Donna Day

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Premier Sports Sports Coaching?

We decided to inspect Premier Sports Sports Coaching as they are a long term provider to Short Breaks and young inspectors were eager to try an established group that was set up. It was inspected to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Premier Sports Coaching?

The inspection was based on a Saturday when the provision normally goes ahead. Young inspectors went along to observe the regular sessions in the afternoon. They observed the end of the trampoline session and watched the rock climbing session.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

4.1 Staff

Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely and the staff seemed nice. Two inspectors felt they were not listened to by one member of staff and felt that they didn't see them as able as they are.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment

Young Inspectors observed that children at the session were having lots of fun including the hall activity and during the session. Although some young people were too scared to go on the climbing wall they did say it looked fun but felt they were too frightened. One young inspector would have liked to have tried the climbing wall as they do it at another provision but wasn't able too as staff were not trained and did not have the right equipment.

4.3 Accessibility

Accessibility as discussed earlier needs adjusting in a few areas. However, due to the use of the facilities (Sandown High School), it was very large had broad land scape and enabled children to run around and get around easy enough. The only issue was accessibility getting down to the climbing wall if it was muddy. A Young Inspectors stated that the climbing frame probably would not be used if this was the case.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

The Young Inspector that participated within the trampoline session felt that they were safe and the instructor was very nice and new a lot about trampolining. Young Inspectors also felt that the climbing wall was safe and children were enjoying doing the activity.

4.5 Food and Dinning experience

Children and Young people brought their own snacks and lunch.

5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the building, staff and activities.

With regards to the building within the area of trampolining wheel chair users could not access the hall as there were no ramps only stairs. Wheel chair users expressed they wouldn't be able to get on the trampolines without lifting equipment. The trampolines were extremely safe as Young inspectors went round to inspect them.

There were inspected and young inspectors felt that they were safe as they had mats down and staff on each side when the young people were jumping.

Some of the Young Inspectors wanted to participate in archery but unfortunately this was not available, however, it was explained to us they were getting new safer archery equipment that was going to be submitted to the small Short Breaks grants in March and hoped that this was available soon.

When walking to the climbing wall, many of the young inspectors struggled to walk as it was far; it was also difficult to get wheel chairs and participants on waling aids down to the climbing wall. However, young inspectors did recognise that the wall couldn't be moved but maybe it should be made clear that there was a longer walk.

One of the Young Inspectors is a wheel chair user and often does rock climbing at a different place. The young inspector stated that he couldn't get into area where the rock climbing was so he couldn't see it properly. This was due to the wood chippings and they suggested that maybe rubber matting to put on top when wheel chair users came would be a good idea.

One Young inspector felt that staff wouldn't and couldn't accommodate his needs, even when making suggestions. This then made the young inspector to feel isolated and his opinions were not valued.

The rock climbing also had no one trained to hoist a wheel chair user up the climbing wall.

Young Inspectors felt that the rock climbing wall was good and very high; the children who were doing the activity looked like they were having fun and all seemed to enjoy spending time with instructors.

They also felt it was safe for the people who were able to use the climbing wall.

6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

Ways in which the activity can be made more accessible:

As we saw earlier in the report Premier Sports have already planned to add more accessible archery equipment within the group.

Suggestions around the rock climbing were that they could use portable rubber matting on the area and to get one of the coaches trained to hoist young people who use wheelchairs. This would then make the activity more inclusive.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Young Inspectors found that when making suggestions about the rock climbing wall so all children would be able to access it, they felt they were not being listened to by staff. They also felt the accessibility was limited to people in wheelchairs. They did however, think this was a good provision for other children but just not inclusive to all.

6.2 Short breaks recommendations

Short Breaks will try and work with Premier Sports to allocate some training so that wheelchair users will be able to use the rock climbing wall. Also if Premier Sports would like to put in application for padded and matted floor for the rock climbing area the inclusion grants will be in the summer and we will welcome any inclusive grants for equipment to be taken to panel.

7.0 Determining overall award

The overall award is that Young people felt this was a good provision but were upset they couldn't do archery. They asked Short Breaks to help put some training in place and would like to come back to do another activity to get a full view of the provision.

8.0 Provider feedback

Short Breaks offered the provider to come back to make comments regarding their report Short Breaks did not receive a response.