



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Scallywags

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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 and what was inspected

Sallywags is a provision for Young people open during the school holidays and before/after school enjoy various activities. These activities supervised by staff. Shortbreaks offer one to one support for children who need additional help in social settings.

Overview of the organisation/service:

The organisation offers various activities including different zones for different ages. There is also a bouncy castle and they provide life skills activities such as cooking.

What they provide: Sallywags provide supervised activities with the option of one to one support.

When is it available: In school holidays

How much is costs: £3 per hour

Who to contact to book: Sarah Wherry

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Scallywags?

Scallywags is one of the Short break providers and Young Inspectors went along for a morning session to see how sessions are run and what they thought about the provision.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Scallywags?

When inspecting Scallywags it consisted of four young inspectors from ages 7 to 16. All children had various additional needs and disabilities.

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

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. One Young Inspector disagreed with this but she did state she didn't want to come in at first but now she thinks the staff are great and wants to come back again.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment



Young Inspectors gave fun and enjoyment 2 stars, one young inspector said cooking was the best part and eating the cakes was even better. Another said she enjoyed the bouncy castle the best. One of our Young Inspectors stated that there were lots to do

for teenagers with lots of computer games but it would be more fun if there were more teenagers there.

4.3 Accessibility



In the building where Scallywags is held Young Inspectors felt it was very accessible and children could get around easy. They also liked the sensory room and thought this was a good place if they needed to go either go to calm down or to chill out. There were also various activities set out so they could choose what they wanted to do in each zone. One young inspector stated it flowed really well and was easy to get to other rooms. However, they did notice that all doors were locked at all times and you couldn't get out without an adult, which they thought was good. The playground was also accessible and there was various equipment, available for everyone to use.

There was also an 'emotion wall' to show how your feeling which the Young Inspectors felt was really good and would help them.

Young inspectors stated there could be more signs and symbols around the building but they felt comfortable with staff that they could go and speak to them if they needed anything. Young Inspectors felt this was also a good price to come along.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings



Children stated they felt safe at all times, if there was anything they didn't feel safe with they felt comfortable enough to speak to staff. They said when cooking they were told what to do and what not to do. Also when playing on bikes they were told they weren't allowed on the bikes without a helmet. One Young Inspector said when they

went to the bouncy castle they only let a certain number of children on at a time which they thought was good, so no one hurt themselves.

4.5 Food and Dining experience

Children bought their own snacks and if they didn't Scallywags provided squash, biscuits and toast. Children all sat together while having a snack and watched a film. Children who struggled with this were able to sit outside with a staff member and eat their snack.

4.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young inspectors said they really enjoyed their time at Scallywags with the various activities that were available. They said they enjoyed cooking, playing pool, listening to music and the bouncy castle was really cool. Young Inspectors felt they had a great time here.

5.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

Recommendations from Young inspectors were that there could be more visuals around the place.

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 enjoyed the Newport Scallywags too.

6.2 Short Breaks recommendations

Recommendations from Short Breaks reflect that there could be more visuals. But we thought it was an excellent service, staff handled children very well and the addition of a sensory room was excellent for children with sensory needs. It was also noted that all children were relaxed and happy at Scallywags.

7.0 Determining overall award

An overall award for Scallywags is 3 stars.



8.0 Provider feedback

Scallywags staff would like to thank all the young inspectors that came and visited us recently.

Thank you for feedback on your views and what you observed at Lake scallywags. We really do appreciate feedback from every one of you and use the information to improve our service to ensure every child who attends scallywags has the best time ever.

Also it was lovely to see some of the young inspectors decided to book in again to scallywags as they enjoyed their time with us.

We hope to see the young inspectors back again at a future date.

Thank you

From Sarah Wherry and my scallywags team.