



## REQUEST 19151

Please may I make the following FOI request regarding Children's social care:

1. Please provide the name(s), email(s), and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) responsible for Short Breaks provision
2. Do you provide grants or direct payments for Short Breaks provision?
  - o If so, how are they paid, e.g. bank accounts, prepaid cards, eWallets
  - o If not, are there any plans to provide grants or direct payments in the future?
3. Do you use on-line digital solutions to assist with the application, awarding and management of Short Breaks?
  - o If so, who is the provider and when is the contract due to expire?
  - o If not, are you considering using digital solutions to manage and oversee your Short Breaks?
4. Please provide the name(s), email(s), and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) responsible for personal budgets for education provision, e.g. SEND and EOTAS
5. Does the LA work contract with or recommend external direct payment support services and with which organisations?
  - o If yes, what services do they provide?
  - o When is the contract due to expire?

## RESPONSE

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2. Yes, paid into private accounts (set up for short breaks) or into third party account.

3. No

4. Cath Pealing, Assistant Director – Education  
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5. In house support for Direct Payments and Short breaks.

Identify companies for Payroll/ Third party support – NR Barton/ Disability Direct, Pay Packet but no contracts as allow choice and control

We have a contract for PA recruitment but currently going through a tender exercise for a new contract.

6. Who oversees the management of personal budgets and direct payments for children/families and what are their contact details? – i.e. name(s), email?  
  
6. Jo Willmott, Director – Social Care and Transformation.  
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7. How does the council pay direct payments, i.e. bank accounts, pre-paid cards or eWallets?  
  
7. Yes, paid into private accounts (set up for short breaks) or into Third party account
8. If the council uses pre-paid cards or eWallet solutions, who is the provider and when is the contract due to expire?  
  
8. N/A
9. Who is the Director of Children's Services at the council and please provide their title, name and email address?  
  
9. Colette Dutton, Director – Children and Families  
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10. Who is the Assistant Director of Children's Services at the council and please provide their title, name and email address?  
  
10. Ann Clarkson, Director – Prevention, Early Help and Sufficiency  
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