



I am collating information from local authorities' Children's Services. I would like to request information from the past 5 years relating to the number of children accessing Short Break support and the costs of Children's Short Breaks, specifically for children with disabilities.

The information I am requesting please, is as follows:

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
How much did Children's Services spend in total on Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities?	£000's £1,537	£000's £1,831	£000's £1,991	£000's £2,075	£000's £2,737
	Excludes Direct Payments	Excludes Direct Payments	Excludes Direct Payments	Excludes Direct Payments	Excludes Direct Payments
Is the above figure joint with the NHS or just LA cost?	LA cost only	LA cost only	LA cost only	LA cost only	LA cost only
If joint, what was the LA proportion?	£000's £1,537	£000's £1,831	£000's £1,991	£000's £2,075	£000's £2,737
How many children in total were supported with a short break during that time?	122	181	171	171	162
What was the annual support cost in total for the highest cost child using short breaks services?	We do not collate this information by child – some children will have had access to more than one service.				
What was the annual support cost in total for the 6 highest cost/most complex children using short break services?	We do not collate this information by child – some children will have had access to more than one service.				
What was the average cost per child using short break services?	We do not collate this information by child – some children will have had access to more than one service.				