

Appendix 10: Full List of Responses to Question 4: Instead of offering short breaks at The Getaway, following an assessment of need, we will assist families in providing short breaks by providers in and around Derbyshire, best able to meet the specific needs of their children. Please let us know what you think about this proposal?

Responses from Members of the Public

Strongly disagree
close friends bring there child for a very well earned break , for them selfs and there child . This place is a god send for the families .
You mean you want to put care into private homes so when all these facilities have gone and it's all in the hands of private companies it will cost the rate payers more money
We need local settings in Ilkeston
If a family are telling you they need a break, you need to give them a break. Avoid more pressure on mental health services by looking after the parents/carers of disabled children
Not as good but I understand you need to save money
It is a bad idea. It will be counterproductive financially and not good for those who need to access this service. Furthermore complex children with needs require consistency, and having a specific hub provides a consistent and familiar environment.
Breaks are important for mental health
The getaway provides short breaks and is a trusted place. Parents are likely to feel uneasy about using external providers that they may not be familiar with.
Use it as it was intended, put yourself in the shoes of the users and their families
putting profits before people is not acceptable
Agree
Remove middle management staff and provide actual practical help and support instead of talking
There is already a huge lack of provision for this kind of service, parents are exhausted enough without you taking this valuable resource away from them. This will be a safe and familiar environment for many families.
Ridiculous. Parents rely on these services for support. You will just push them further out of society
You should be doing this as well
Don't know
it's hard enough to get short breaks as it is. This is just making an almost impossible situation even harder.
Awful
I think this is going to cost more in the long run, I think getting parents to pay towards the stays will help keep the service in dcc and not outsourced to private providers
another stupid idea
There won't be any as all funding has been cut so this will be equally unhelpful
You don't care about people with disabilities more do you care about people on general. You have raised the council tax,we have pot holes in roads and you just don't give a shit!!!! You keep stopping these services and people keep suffering!
This was already an option, no?
More support needed not less. More practical help not just talking and meetings
Close completely
Good idea

Responses from Service Users/People in the 'Other' Grouping

Lack of places of respite. Multiple changes for children who are people with needs and not numbers.
Stopping the getaway and moving him else where would have a significant impact on my son's mental health and anxiety. It has took a long time to build a relationship with staff and reassurance. The get away is home from home for my son. This would just knock him back on what us as a family and the getaway have built.
The gettaway is much needed for families.
It's just going to put more stress on the families which clearly will have a massive affect.
We totally disagree with this proposal. Why shut a provision that is already "best able to meet the specific needs of our Child". ? It is totally inappropriate and with a total disregard to the impact on Profoundly Disabled Children and their families. Handing your child over to someone else to care for is an extremely difficult decision, but the Management and Ethos of The Getaway creates an environment of Trust and is somewhere our Child has thrived. The Management Team ensure the Setting is run appropriately and effectively. The Getaway Team are experts, and this is demonstrated by the phenomenal level of care and support provided to Children and their families. This enables the Young People in their care to thrive, have experiences that their 'mainstream' Peers have and prepare them for the transition to Adulthood. The Transition to a new Setting is extremely challenging and takes considerable time to develop relationships and trust with Carers for both Parents and Child
Familiarity and continuity are vital
Its rediculous! Familys struggle enough to get help, your reducing further is a joke. Instead of closing an open donation could be proposed.
Please do not alienate the average disabled families who also need breaks and respite.
Strongly disagree. There isn't any other respite services in the county capable of meeting the need.
So many families need these short breaks to stay together.
Better than nothing
No, this is another stealth reduction. You promise to provide it elsewhere then contracts end and the service ceases.
This is a fragmented service. Families need consistent, individualised care from a group of professionals who know and understand the needs of their child. They need a central resource to utilise in times of crisis as well as planned breaks. The proposal is not clinically (needs led) but financially driven. I fail to see what evidence there is to suggest such a system will improve the services to the child and their informal carers. What evidence do you base this proposal on? If its not broken don' try to replace it with a cheaper service!
Families need the short breaks to help with their special needs children.
It will cost the same as the getaway so why
Our vulnerable children with Disabilities are being failed by not having services available to them. Already at a disadvantage to children without disabilities and with less opportunity, this is just another example of lack of support for those that need it the most.
It feels like it would be harder to manage the risks with multiple providers.
This proposal is of no use to may families already under pressure of care. Time and energy are at an all time low.
Are they even there? Likely to be more expensive and poorer quality and less regularly available.

I think your proposal is absolutely insane and you are targeting vulnerable children as they are the easiest to target. The disabled seem to be targeted the most by the conservative government and it is shameful. These children and families need a break and facilities such as short break centres are vital. You've already closed down many day care centres which are needed. Parents and carers are shattered. I am absolutely shocked by the decisions you make without any consultation with any families. To be honest I honestly can't put into words the impact your decisions have and the lack of care you have.

The current situation is the best you can provide.

Awful. It's nearly impossible to get an assessment even with 2 disabled children.

Would this assist all families or only families who are lucky to get direct payments

No acceptable.

As long as there is a comparable alternative and not a reduced service

Sounds like another way to get out of spending money.

Proposals from DCC never happen once you remove a service it's list forever

Stop outsourcing

Unacceptable, try accessing help and support it's already non existing

Absolutely ridiculous

I do not think that there are enough providers to fulfill this. Would these service users be guaranteed a continuity of care ?

It's an acceptable solution

The alternative short breaks offer listed with this option is vague, lacks detail and shunts the risk and the burden of finding suitable short breaks respite provision onto the shoulders of already stressed and overburdened families. The council's own Equality Impact Assessment concluded the changes will create increased pressures on partner agencies to provide a greater level of early help and early intervention in the absence of support from The Outback and Getaway services. These services are also facing cuts which throws considerable doubt on whether children and families will receive the same level of quality support once the provision is cut back or closed. While the council states it would offer families "support" to find alternative short break provision in the community, the nature of this support is unspecified and unquantified. We support close to 300,000 families of disabled children in the UK. We find families who have direct payments usually get minimal and ineffective support to find suitable carers, respite provision or personal assistants. The consultation offers no concrete evidence of capacity or suitable alternative provision in the local community or private sector to meet the respite needs of disabled children with the most complex needs. Below we have considered each of the 'alternative' short break options suggested by DCC. 1. Stays with foster families/care link: We do not believe this is viable or suitable option for most affected families. According to the Fostering Network, the East Midlands has a shortfall of 380 foster carers. The Network reports that one in five children in England are placed more than 20 miles from their home because a foster family cannot be found nearer home. In 2023, Ofsted reported a year on year decrease in applications to be foster carers. It is even harder to find foster carers that able to provide support and care to disabled children with the most complex needs Foster care cannot offer the same level of expertise, experience and, quality as the in-house service at The Getaway. Given the shortage of foster families, it is likely families and children will face long waits while a family is found that can meet their child's needs. It is likely they will travel further afield to access a suitable foster family. 2. Direct Payment of Personal Budget to fund overnight care wherever the family choose. While direct payments can offer choice to families, they come with a big administrative component. Direct payments shift financial risk and responsibility for securing support from local authorities onto to families during a period of severe care staff shortages. They create an additional burden for already over-stressed families and fail to cover the full cost of paying PAs and support workers. Families who currently use The Getaway are already under extreme pressure – few have the headroom or capacity to take on additional tasks in addition to their carer responsibilities, including searching for alternative private or community providers, It is likely they have already turned down the offer of direct payments and opted for The Getaway precisely because they know it can meet

their child's needs while giving the family a complete break. Your EIA concluded that additional pressures will be put on carers. "Without support from The Outback and Getaway, carers and siblings that are already under significant strain due to their caring role would be greatly impacted, potentially resulting in family breakdown. This may in turn bring significant cost to the local authority for full time residential placements for those children. There is currently a shortage of identified PA's that are able to support children with additional needs." Parents who opt for direct payments tell us it often takes a long time for funds to be approved and arranged. It is common for local authorities to claw back unspent funds because families are unable to find a suitable respite service or a provider to work with their disabled child. The Disabled Children's Partnership's 2023 survey Failed and Forgotten found 70% of disabled children and young people who needed a personal assistant faced delays getting one because of workforce shortages. The same report found just one in seven families had the correct level of support from social care. It is also unclear how personal budgets will help families given the shortage suitable providers of respite care for disabled children and whether they will provide sufficient funds to cover quality respite care.

3. Overnight short breaks in other council buildings, including The Getaway or those run by private companies. The council wants to reduce short breaks provision for disabled Children in Need by 75% at The Getaway, creating unacceptable competition for the sole remaining respite bed. There is a default and erroneous assumption in the proposals that when the 19 families' needs are reassessed, they will no longer need respite provision and short breaks can be provided via their personal budgets. While the consultation suggests there may be a small amount of capacity at other in-house providers, this is not a concrete commitment. The consultation fails to provide a list of viable local alternative providers experienced in disabled children's respite care. It is impossible for families to know whether they will get access to appropriate support for their child once The Getaway respite beds are gone. In our experience, private providers are not as accountable or subject to the same level of scrutiny as in-house council providers and their staff are unlikely to have received the same level of ongoing training.

4. Occasional one-off activity breaks. The consultation has provided insufficient detail about what this could entail or who would provide this type of short break. 'One off; activities are not a substitute for regular respite at The Getaway.

Another sector where we will be at the will of 'we don't commission that anymore" it's just a delayed cessation.

Responses from Professionals

I think alternative provisions need to be sought before their service at The Getaway ends. The families are already at breaking point and their short breaks keep the families together. Not knowing when their next break could be will be detrimental to the families caring abilities.

Most of the places in this area are being closed or sold off, so how far out are these people going to have to travel? Ridiculous. Cut backs should be being made in other areas not taking away care from those who need it the most!

It still isnt giving families the break they need and deserve

I don't agree with this decision as the current location for the children and parents is convenient. This service is needed for families to have a short break, it benefits siblings and their parents.

Disagree families need a local permanent place

This place is in a prime area for a close family friends grandchild . He thrives when he is there , his parents and grandparents are able to get the break they need to rest while they are there . Children need the break and social side of the getaway is essential. It's local , it's familiar , it's welcoming, it's a place they love.

I think getaway should stay open for the families it supports, these children struggle with change & the wait time for sorting alternatives will not support the children or parents who currently use the getaway for short breaks

<p>Whilst the families may be able to receive some respite care from other areas this may not be close to home, which may have an affect on the young person due to their SEND needs and having to travel further. Also, the change in routine will have a big impact on families and young person. Whilst you have stated that you will assist families this does not state that this is guaranteed, so therefore this stress will also further impact on families that desperately need this short break respite.</p>
<p>Un sure how this would affect the children seeing and meeting all different people.</p>
<p>The children that I know who use this service have very specific needs and require the structure and familiarity of staff and the surroundings. Short breaks to unknown places would cause more distress to these children and their families and would not meet the needs like the Getaway does.</p>
<p>I think this is a possible alternative step in the right direction.</p>
<p>The children and their families rely on this service, it is familiar to them and children with additional needs need stability and familiarity, meaning the families of these children can relax, safe in the knowledge their children are safe and happy in a familiar setting with people they know and people that understand them. Discontinuing with this service is despicable.</p>
<p>Ridiculous</p>
<p>How does the cost compare? Who would fund this as parents will be stretched enough and not being able to fund this needed respite.</p>
<p>I think this proposal will cause numerous family breakdowns as there no services available that you are promising to provide to these families. There is a distinct lack of short break services throughout the county, both private and council and these families are not going to be receiving what you are promising them.</p>
<p>Reducing options for short breaks doesn't seem a good thing for patents who are already stressed. You make no mention of what is available elswhete, if it is sufficient or where it is situated . How easy is it to access?</p>
<p>It would be better than stopping services altogether.</p>
<p>PVI alternatives will be very expensive and often have poor Ofsted ratings.</p>
<p>By not offering short breaks at the Getaway will have a significant impact upon children and families getting a short break. There are a lack of resources and providers within the community to be able to provide a short break, especially not an overnight short break.</p>
<p>There are very few places with the ability to meet the needs of these children and families - the getaway provides a reliable, effective service the getaway have skilled experienced staff - with a staff team that is big enough to be resilient enough it also provides support and knowledge to others in the social care / health service</p>
<p>Acceptable only if you can demonstrate that these are definitely available in the same or increased quantity and quality</p>
<p>AS long as families can still access a short break,</p>
<p>There are not enough providers, most providers do t offer over night and budgets allocated to families don't cover the cost of these services</p>
<p>Local authority provide the best governance, oversight and overview, employ better staff. Private organisations are much more open to challenges and risks, less monitoring and unreliable. i would be very concerned to hear if private providers are offering more of this.</p>
<p>Parents/ and children know The Getaway and they know their staff. It is vital for some young people to be able to access what they know. Moving them to other providers could cause severe anxiety.</p>
<p>People should NOT have to travel</p>
<p>I disagree with it</p>

It should just be included and not a replacement for closing other services.
There is very little in the way of suitable providers. You will be offering short breaks but will struggle to find appropriate care. As a family who were in this position, a suitable provider was unable to be found and we were basically told there was nothing you could do!
OK in theory but there are no spaces eg there are almost no link carers
Historically it has (and continues to be) extremely difficult to source shortbreaks at other providers and the Getaway has a waiting list. If we are not able to source a short break either planned in a timely way or in an emergency it is highly likely that the child/young person will come into care which will ultimately be more expensive.

Full List of Responses to Question 8: Please provide any additional comments or suggestions you have regarding the options set out for the Outback

Responses from Members of the Public

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions you have regarding the options set out for the Outback
Disagree
You didn't tell us how much a year it cost to run gateway some ratepayers might think that it cheaper to put £2 pounds on the council tax than put them in to private hands
This can be done in empty buildings that the council own
Not as good but I understand you need to save money
This service is essential. Support is already limited and shouldn't be cut further.
Stop disrupting young people's lives
Less expensive options in the community through voluntary community groups
The proposed changes should be run as well as keeping the centre doing what it already does. There is just not enough of this provision across the county.
Helping prevent things getting bad in the first place is a good idea
You should not be cutting services to vulnerable families
Rethink reducing this service completely.
Awful
Define the threshold needed to be met for a child to be considered by the children with disabilities team.
Close completely

Responses from Service Users/People in the 'Other' Grouping

Don't cut the essential service
Children need this support. Where would families go? Its a travesty
Regular respite is needed
This would be a lifeline for many families on the verge of breaking down
Do both just in smaller amou ts ? !

Informal caring is often not by choice and informal carers will require a range of support including periods of short term care for their children to give both parties a break to recharge their batteries. My professional opinion is informed by Twigg et.al. who cite different ways of looking at the Informal Carers eg as a co-professional or as a co-client. In other words each family will have a mixture of needs and complex problems will require complex solutions. It is therefore important to ensure there is a flexible, dynamic range of support available and to this end closing a resource will limit services and choice which will ultimately reduce the quality of the provision. Again this proposal's aim appears more of a cost cutting exercise rather than a genuine attempt to make changes to improve the service. What a great shame.

Leave it as it is

The services that you are proposing to offer should not be instead of, but in addition to. Our children are already disadvantaged and this just increases that disadvantage.

Just dreadful. Stop pretending there are positives. The impact will be adverse for disabled children, their families and carers.

If they are changing the outback service to improve it then that is good but if they're wanting to get rid of that too then again that is absolutely disgusting and so targeted. I'm starting to think the government and Derbyshire county council have got major issues with disabled children and are quite discriminatory against them. I've never know it so bad and when we were under labour they opened the sure start centres which were a great help for disabled children and families. Now all those of gone. The services are the worse I've known them.

Leave it open and stop removing support from most needed.

The proposed services mentioned are needed as well as existing ones

Priority should be given to helping families at risk of breakdown and to prevent children going into the care system

The proposals for the Outback are unclear and confusing. What is clear is the centre is a vital wrap around service with experienced staff providing a range of intensive and holistic support and interventions for disabled children in families at risk of breakdown. If the list provided in Q.7 is the full range of services that will remain after changes (this is unclear) the cuts amount to significant and myopic cuts to preventative services that will lead to more children entering long term care. Shrinking the service will lead to the loss of the skilled workforce reducing the expert help available to children with SEND and their families while expecting already overstretched social workers to fill the gap and step in when families hit crisis. The proposals pose a significant risk to the wellbeing of children and families who rely on the service. Your own Equality Impact Assessment concludes that changes to Outback and The Getaway may have a negative impact on "some of the most vulnerable children and families in Derbyshire" and lead to an increase in safeguarding and child protection concerns while increasing the burden on carers leading to more family breakdowns and greater need for long term care.

It's being fractured so it can be closed slowly over time just like everything else. Your services are so inferior to those in Derby I honestly don't know how you can be this bad.

Responses from Professionals

Children and families are used to seeing the same faces and could be very upset with seeing different faces and everyone works differently.

The children and their families need this service, it is so important and disgusting that this would even be considered.

Early intervention services are crucial to prevent children going into care, building resilience and confidence and should be provided in combination with more targeted services. I don't believe the focus you are consulting on is broad enough.

Outback to be able to complete parenting assessments and support with children and family time in addition to targeted focussed pieces of work
There are very few places with the ability to meet the needs of these children and families - the outback provides a reliable, effective service the outback have skilled experienced staff - with a staff team that is big enough to be resilient enough to manage challenges it also provides support and knowledge to others in the social care / health service it is already only available to a select group of young people / families it has been life saving / family saving for some it will cost more to outsource it and the quality will be worse
Preventing family breakup is laudable but it needs to be done alongside existing services. They can then be withdrawn if the policy succeeds
There is a shortage in services and to cost cut you want to reduce this even more? You are targeting the wrong areas for cost cutting!
I think that it would be much more cost effective and responsive to have a small PA service that respond to emergencies and need than having a PB service. The suggestions above are good ones but what about the south of the county where there are very few services.....

Full List of Responses to Question 5: Please provide any additional comments or suggestions you have regarding the options set out for the Getaway

Responses from Members of the Public

Disagree
It will make a detrimental impact on the families and children that come to getaway for rest spite.
We once had hospitals to look after disabled children once again the council trying to pass on their commitment to the community and what looks a cheap way out now will cost twice as much in the long run
Too many cutbacks, expand this service
This is a vital service and should not be cut.
An excellent facility built with purpose, why ruin lives of those without a voice
Stop depriving vulnerable families of essential services and support
Open more facilities. More is needed for SEN children
You should not be cutting services to vulnerable families
Rethink cutting this service at all.
Keep it open
Parents to share their incomes and pay towards the short breaks, parents of children with additional needs get an income that is to provide care for their children, so why wouldn't this be used towards short breaks.
Stop cutting services for the disabled
I think it's all wrong

Responses from Service Users/People in the 'Other' Grouping

My son had settled well at getaway thanks to the amazing staff. It is the only two nights a month I get more than a few hours sleep.
This would be our worse nightmare the getaway closing this place is keeping our family going. Without our overnights stays at the getaway I don't know how we can move forward. My son can awake from 3:30am it is not I healthy for us to function like that. This is going to massive impact on our family and it's worrying me for the out come of this. This is our life's. Every day.

Needs for children locally are not the greatest as it is and taking this away would be wrong.

The Getaway has consistently been rated as an Outstanding Provision which is a direct reflection of the capability, commitment and work effort of The Getaway Team – where is the logic in shutting down / repurposing an Outstanding provision ? From personal experience, Short Break provision is always compromised when the Setting provides both Residential and Short Break Care so information with regard to Settings providing Short Breaks 'in and around Derbyshire' should have been made available during this Phase of the process. To be in the position to be accessing Short Breaks, the families impacted by this decision are already extremely vulnerable, and it is the Short Break provision that is enabling profoundly Disabled Children to remain at home. If this change causes that to break down, then it will be a lot more expensive to take care of the Disabled Child if they end up in Full time care. Why can't the 3 children you refer to - "provide full time, long term residential care for 3 children that we look after" - who have to move be accommodated in other Settings that already have Residential Provision instead of disrupting the much large number of Children that currently access The Getaway?

Leave it as it is it works

Please contact myself xxxxxxxxxx i would happily help fund raising. And would volunteer.

There needs to be another option. Maybe for an extension building to house the new residential children. The current options are very short sighted and trying to save money where it will actually cause more problems in the longer term with more families needing residential care after not being given enough respite in time and therefore not being to cope with the long term demands. Respite is needed to allow more children to live at home for longer.

Leave well alone and look to reduce costs in non direct care areas.

Increase short breaks and make the building more cost effective

Do not reduce any more services for children with disabilities. Many parents are at the end of their time, and energy. There is not enough people in society to provide respite or even long term care. So to add the burden of searching to parents/carers is going to be a step too far.

Shameful proposals

Restspite centres and day care centres should be plentiful offering the support of experienced staff that are trusted and knowledgeable. They should be paid a decent wage to care for vulnerable children. They should offer a range of respite needs. This could be from a few hours to a few days if needed. The government seems to think these places aren't needed which I cannot get my head round at all. You can tell they're not living with children with additional needs!!

Maybe the assessment process should be easier for families to actually access

Please don't take away services for families struggling.

Leave it open and stop taking things away from families in need

Use public money to provide public jobs and services. Stop outsourcing, agency use and expensive commissioned services. Don't use consultants, grow your own, use the skilled workforce you have!

Don't further damage a severely broken system

Why should children and families have to suffer even more than they have already secured are lacking. There's already little support due to funding

Families have told us they are devastated at the proposals to dramatically reduce short breaks in Derbyshire. They feel they are being treated as an “easy target” for cuts because they do not have the spare time or energy to push back. While we understand the difficult financial position faced by Derbyshire County Council, and almost every other council in the UK, we do not think it fair to balance your books on the backs of families with disabled children. The consultation lacks information about other sources of savings in council services that do not impact on vulnerable children. Vital services for disabled children and their families need protection. Disabled children and their families should not have to “bear their fair share of cuts” along with other recipients of council services who are not vulnerable. The council, Ofsted and families agree this is a good and valued service. In-house short break services at The Getaway and the Outback are “highly valued, well-established services which provide critical to vulnerable children with a disability.” (report to Cabinet, 11 April 2024). Parents of a child who has used The Getaway regularly since 2020 told us the service had “transformed” her life and enabled her to thrive. “[...]has never had the opportunity to go to a friend’s house for tea, or on a school residential, or to family for a sleepover, and she gets all of this experience and so much more at The Getaway.” The aim of the proposal to end or reduce short break provision at The Getaway by 75% is to make space for three disabled children in expensive full time residential care out of county. This proposal is both unedifying and unethical because it pits one group of highly vulnerable disabled children whose families desperately need a break against a group of highly vulnerable disabled children already in care. Rather than investing in new care provision closer to home to improve care for looked after disabled children, the council has opted to reduce overall respite provision in the County by removing quality support from families of children with high levels of need. The proposal is also false economy from financial perspective. A reduction in the quality, consistency and availability of quality respite breaks for disabled children with complex needs will lead to more family breakdowns and more children needing long term care, which will cost more money longer term.

Startlingly dishonest to take this separately to the early help cuts, what on earth do you propose will happen to the numbers on the high needs high cost block when you are failing to provide early help to any aspects of the community.

Responses from Professionals

Focus on cutting back in other areas which are not essential and stop taking care away from those who need it the most!

Don't think you else the detrimental effects it will have on the children and there families if this change goes ahead. It's a live line to the families, they need to know there child is safe and happy while they get the break they need to carry on when there child's back home . They don't need to worry about them as the care given is nothing but amazing. Children needs come first . The knock on effect of Children with certain SEN needs will be significant. I work with children with SEN needs and changes are not good on their mental health. Iam praying there will be a change of heart and keep this important place open .

There already isn't enough services like this for these young children and their families so why take it away from them.

In the current climate there is need for short breaks if you are to ensure that there is not a breakdown in a family. It is paramount that this support continues at the Getaway.

Why mend something that is not broken. Children love going to the Getaway.

The staff at Getaway and what they provide for the children and their families cannot be replaced by an of the services suggested. The regular and emergency respite care that they provide is irreplaceable.

I don't know what the solution to this is, but I know loosing this service is going to cause such a negative impact on these children and their families, it is extremely worrying.

Unrealistic and unmanageable for families.

I think that the Getaway should be left as is, it is a valuable service for the families supported and will continue to be a valuable service. I think the Getaway should remain as short breaks and open up more often, and that more children should be offered short breaks, despite the fact that it takes ridiculously long for the paperwork to be put through.

It is very sad that the most vulnerable in society have to take the hit when DCC will waste money by having bureaucratic systems in place elsewhere, and spending unwisely, e.g. Newton Europe consultation 2020.

Short-breaks to continue to be offered by the Getaway- Should there be a need and/or decision for the Getaway to provide long-term placements, this should consider the continuation of short-breaks being provided.

Historically this type of service ceases and the alternative is a poor replacement that is underfunded and difficult to access in practice

Don't change it

Maybe look at reducing funds in other areas, rather than targeting the most vulnerable in society

Full time placements were never the remit of the getaway and this is preventing access to short breaks. The placements should be provided elsewhere and not take over the short breaks service.

I think that the Getaway could have more than 2 young people staying a night - they have 5 rooms. I do not know how much it costs to stay at the getaway a night - it took 18 months to provide overnights for a family I support and this costs over 2K a weekend. Much more expensive than the getaway.