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Dear Sir,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOI IAT 10586

Further to previous correspondence, your request for information has now been considered, and the council's response is set out below:

Q1 How many parent carers sit in the parent voice group that were involved in the redesigning of short break provisions?

- A. In preparing the short breaks commissioning prospectus, parents were engaged in a range of consultation activities, so there was not one single parent voice group that were involved in the redesigning of short breaks provision. The various activities included:

July to October 2012 – parents of 12 children accessing 1 Ledbury Road responded to an invitation to engage with commissioners via a 1:1 interview

October 2012 – over 30 parent carers and 12 service providers attended a short breaks forum

February 2012 – Parent Carer Voice forum hosted by Herefordshire Carers Support. Herefordshire Council therefore does not hold the details of the number attending.

May 2013 – 'Meet the Commissioner' events for parents of all children attending local special schools, approximately 30 attended. 48 Questions and Answers were raised and published at the time

Q2 Were Hereford carers support involved with redesigning and consultation of new overnight short breaks?

A. Yes, we can confirm that Hereford Carers Support were involved in the redesign and consultation of overnight short breaks provision.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or you would like a review of the response provided, further information regarding our review procedure is available in the 'Internal Review Procedure for EIR and FOI requests' which is published on Herefordshire Council's website via the following link:

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Yours faithfully

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