

Consultation event 25th January, 2016

***Overnight short breaks
for disabled children at
'1 Ledbury Road'***



Welcome & introductions

Jo Davidson

Director of
Children's Wellbeing



Background: Overnight short breaks

- Council duty to provide a range of short breaks
- Individual need for funded overnight breaks is determined by a social care assessment
- 1 Ledbury Road operated for a long-time under health contract, registered as a hospital ward
- Few children had a comprehensive assessment of their needs
- Could not award contract for residential short breaks in 2013
- Interim health contract ensured continuation of service for children being supported



Outcomes for children and families

Children with additional or complex needs have fair access to a range of short break services that meet their needs and are:

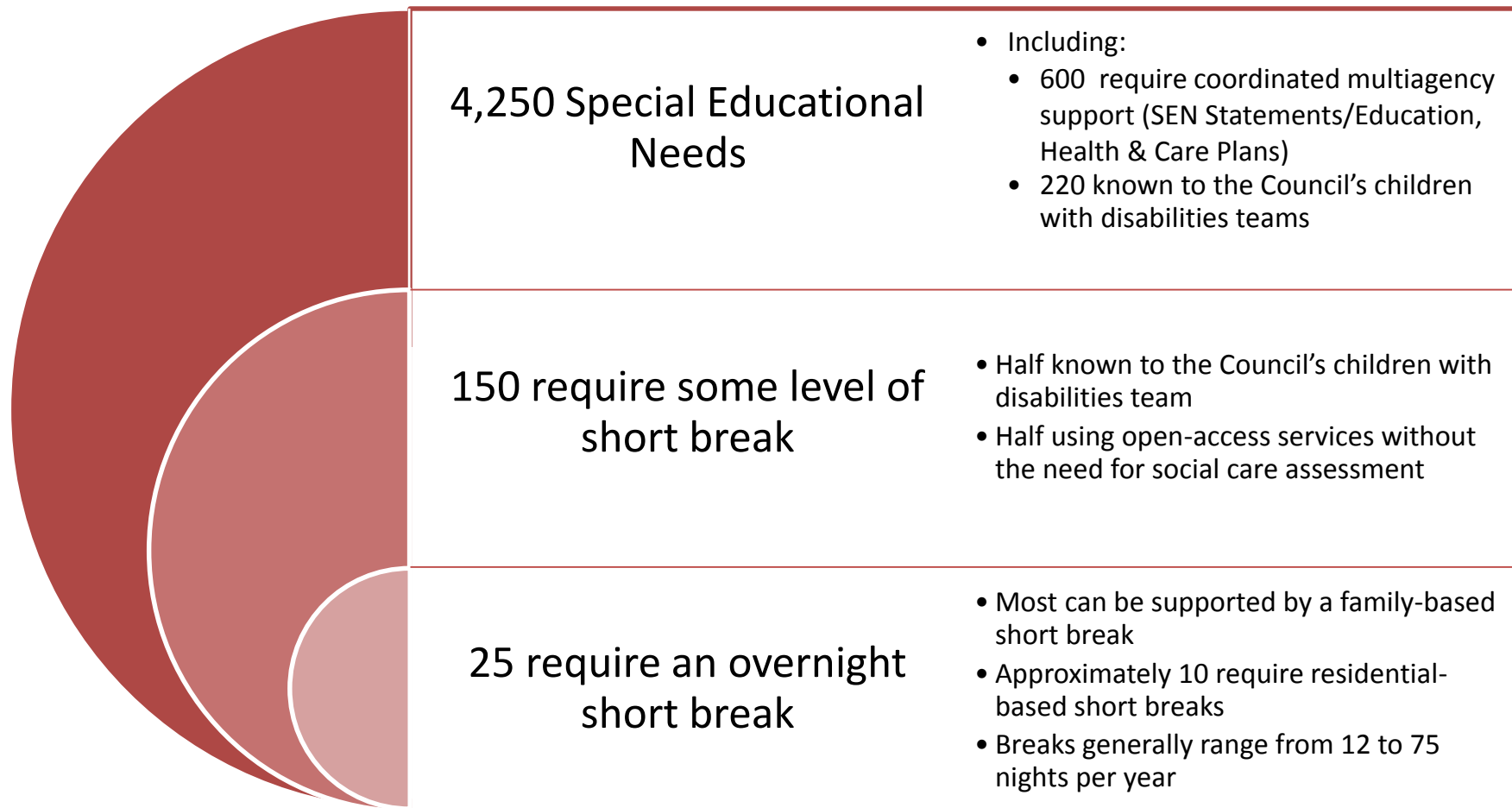
- Able to achieve personal goals and learn new skills
- Able to spend time with their friends and make new ones
- Able to take part in exciting activities that interest them
- Supported to maximise their independence and feel more confident

Parent carers are supported in their caring role to:

- Feel less stressed and have some time for themselves when they can be 'off duty' and relax knowing their child is in safe hands
- Spend time with their other children or together as a family
- Get to know other families who share similar experiences
- Be confident that their child is having fun with skilled carers who understand their needs



The need for overnight residential short breaks



Children with disabilities population estimates November 2015

2016-2017 Proposals

The council enters into a 12 month contract with Wye Valley NHS Trust for overnight short breaks at 1 Ledbury Road:

- based on the assessed need of individual children
- moving to a more social focused model reflecting the outcomes described by families
- continue support for up to 15 children and young people
- offering up to 1,092 nights
- potential to offer blocks of time
- required to register with Ofsted



Beyond 2016-2017

- Short breaks are due to be re-commissioned for April 2017
- Consultation and design work during 2016-2017
- Driven by understanding local need
- Supporting use of 'self-access' opportunities
- Look at purchasing arrangements for funded breaks to meet assessed need



How can people respond?

- complete the online survey at <http://newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/1-ledbury-road> by 19th February
- Complete a response form here
- More information is available online





Discussion