

Appendix 12 Additional relevant information relating to demand and provision

1. The table below includes the following data:

- Number of Children and Young People accessing overnight unit based short breaks for the first time in the years 2015 to 2017 and the total number of nights agreed ie 'assessed need' per month
- Number of Children and Young People with an increase in their assessed need (additional nights) during the years 2015 to 2017 and the total number of additional nights per month
- The number of CYP currently accessing unit based short breaks who will reach 18 in the years 2018 to 2020 and cease to access provision

Trends in demand for Overnight short break respite care and those in service reaching 18 in the next three years (all units)

	Number of CYP accessing provision for the first time	Total number of nights (assessed need) per month	Number of CYP with assessed need for additional nights	Total number of additional nights (assessed need) per month	Total number of CYP reaching 18 during the year	Total number of nights per month accessed by those reaching 18
2015	19	38	7	10		
2016	28	62	13	19		
2017	25	57	9	11		
2018					7	23
2019					17	54
2020					15	45
Average	24	52	10	13	13	41

2. CYP may stop accessing overnight unit based provision for reasons other than their age but this cannot be predicted.
3. 'Demand' for overnight unit based short break provision will also be affected by other factors which are outlined below:

Changes implemented to increase choice in short breaks provision based on feedback from families which are likely to reduce demand for unit based overnight provision:

- Additional capacity is now available in the family based overnight service as new host families have been recruited by the provider
- Re-commissioned 1:1 support service providing greater capacity and flexibility to this service (in place 1st April 2018)
- The re-commissioning of community and school based provision to ensure county wide coverage, clarity on access criteria and better choice of provision (in place by October 2018)

- increase in the use of personalised budgets resulting in direct payments together with the development of the market (increase in choice and range of provision) provides opportunity for increased choice in short break provision

Factors which may increase demand for short breaks provision generally and therefore increase demand for unit based respite provision:

- Children and young people moving into the County including children who no longer attend out of county residential provision
 - The availability of short break provision at Acorns' Hospice in Worcester has been taken into account in the review of unit-based provision. This provision is CCG grant funded as part of palliative health care provision and accessed by families following referral from a health professional as part of the overall hospice offer to children with life limiting or life threatening conditions. Where there is an assessed need, additional nights can also be funded by the Council to meet the needs of children requiring a high level of care, and their carers. During the consultation the Council and CCG were advised of a change of referral pathways into Acorns Hospice and a review of eligibility that has resulted in a number of families being advised that they can no longer access overnight respite directly from Acorns. The impact of these changes could, subject to assessment, lead to an increase in demand for unit based overnight short breaks.
4. In summary, the future prediction of the number of children who are likely to need unit based overnight short breaks provision is complex. The total number of children and young people accessing provision is small, as a percentage both of children and young people with SEND and the population as a whole. Changes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of conditions as well as the factors that impact on the prevalence of conditions will lead to changes in demand. Whilst the feedback on the value and importance of the care provided by the overnight units is acknowledged, social care practice such as a move to personalisation of care and the use of direct payments and increased parental choice.

Comparison of Worcestershire overnight unit based respite provision with other counties

5. For the purposes of comparison, the table below shows overnight short break provision relative to the 0-18 population in a number of neighbouring counties in a way that is statistically comparable in relation to prevalence of disability. This suggests that relative to the 0-18 population the current number of beds and units are highest in Worcestershire. However due to differences in commissioning arrangements this information should be treated as being indicative only of relative provision.

	0-18 population	beds	beds per 100,000 0-18s	Respite units	units per 100,000 0-18s
Worcestershire	122,823	19	15.5	4	3.3
Herefordshire ¹	38,073	-	-	1	2.6
Shropshire	63,112	8	12.7	2	3.2

Warwickshire ²	119,698	11	9.2	2	1.7
Gloucestershire	133,644	6	4.5	1	0.7
Oxfordshire	150,951	11	7.3	2	1.3

ONS mid-2016 population estimates

1. Comparable data is not available for Herefordshire
2. Warwickshire also spot purchase overnight respite from several additional units which is not included in this data set