

Dear Southern Health and Social Care Trust (Northern Ireland), Please provide the following breakdown of services provided (numbers and hours) to adults with Learning Disability in your Trust area for January 2020, March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020 (planned), August 2020 (planned) Non-Statutory Day Opportunities (procured by Trust)
DPs for the service user (procured by SU/Family)
Domiciliary Care Packages (statutory)
Domiciliary Care Packages (non-statutory)
Short breaks (statutory)
Short breaks (non-statutory)

COMMENTS

The Trust continues to fund Non-Statutory Day Opportunities. Providers are expected to maintain contact with their attendees and be creative in how they could engage in some meaningful activities or offering support and advice as and when required.

Direct Payments – the Trust continues to support direct payment recipients in line with regional guidance.

Domiciliary services – some services were temporarily suspended as families self-isolated or due to lockdown couldn't avail of their flexible respite service.

In respect of short break services, the Trust has begun its "Re-building" process. Presently the Trust has access to 4 statutory beds and one independent bed.

Trust-commissioned short break services in care homes have to abide by the care home regulations as directed by PHA and RQIA, where there is an expectation that for each service-user they need to have access to their own "activity room". The Trust is seeking further clarity on this matter so that it can continue to restart and step up our services in a safe and realistic manner.

The Trust has not access to the information requested for July and August.

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