

Online Short Break Information Service



Shared Care Scotland's national online directory of short break and break from caring services



www.carebreaksscotland.org

The Online Short Break Information Service (OSBIS) is designed to provide easy access to information on all forms of short break and respite care services including: home and residential based breaks, family placements, befriending projects, activity clubs, holiday breaks and more specialized guest houses and hotels. In time we hope that OSBIS will become a one-stop-shop for carers, care recipients and health and social care staff searching for suitable breaks which meet individual needs and circumstances.



OSBIS was launched during UK Carers Week June 2008 and the directory is now available to everyone via a new website: www.carebreaksscotland.org

In addition to our online directory Shared Care Scotland also provides a telephone enquiry service for those that don't have access to the internet, and for those who can't find what they're looking for on OSBIS. See below for contact details.

What are the benefits of OSBIS?

Carers and service users will be able to use OSBIS to search for short break services according to age, care needs, type of break and location. The options identified can then be further researched and discussed with the care manager or social worker, with a view to agreeing a respite support package. In the case of self-funded respite, carers can use the information provided by OSBIS to decide which providers to follow-up. Carer centres will be able to use OSBIS to compile their own print directories of local services or simply search for services online on behalf of clients. Service providers can use OSBIS to promote their service to the widest possible audience.

Ultimately our goal is that OSBIS will help to stimulate new ideas and approaches to short break provision. We hope the expanding range of opportunities on the directory will encourage people to push for greater choice, flexibility and control over their short break care package.



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Supporting the development of imaginative and person-centred short break services

Right Break, Right Time, Right Place