**IDS Consultation**

**24th June 2014**

**Round Oak School, Leamington Spa**

Who is responsible if a child lives on the border if Warwickshire but attends a school in Warwickshire?

There are 2700 children known to IDS

What is classed as a critical case? - Those most at risk and who need care. There may be possibility that parents can be given money to help with care through the summer.

Parent - I was given the sitting service but never had the chance to use it as it has now ended.

Why was all of this left to the last minute to find a replacement service for Short Breaks? This is something that should have been done before our services were taken away.

Parent - These are the most vulnerable children in society so why are our services being cut?

Why do we need to speak to Family voice? - i can speak for myself

Some families have children with very high level of Autism and require respite services.

My child is supposed to have Short Break which is all very well apart from there is now no service.

Carers need good knowledge and need to be able to meet the individual child's needs.

Take a Break, Action for Children and other services will still be providing services. We know that we do need more providers though

Parents go to Warwickshire County Council if they have issues. Need the correct organisations to be able to provide the services.

Personal budgets - some parents don't have time to be able to do this. Adrian - you don't have to have this to manage yourself it is something that IDS can manage for you.

Parent - We get medium care so will not be able to get Short Breaks. Adrian - You can call IDS for an assessment and state that you feel you need Short Breaks and your needs will then be re-assessed.

If you have an assessment will we get the service straight away? I have heard that there are long waiting lists for assessments and services.

PIP will remain the same.

40 nights is the average for respite. Not everyone will have 40 nights. Parent - This isn't done fairly across the board. Adrian - 24 nights is the minimum and doesn't work for everyone. Some may require more and some may require less.

Cost of respite is nothing compared to if the child has to go into care.

Family Links is different to Short breaks and respite. Family Links will be re established over time.

North Warwickshire respite is more money as they have health staff - Will this change to match other respite services?

Adrian - 1 year for a family to take on Family Links.

Visiting with Hampshire to see how they manage their budget.

Is everyone going to be re-assessed?. Adrian - No not everyone will be assessed. You can have a review of your services which should happen every 6 months or if you wish to have a re-assessment you can call IDS.

Parent - I don't trust my social worker and want to change and every time i ask they refuse and say try for another 6 months.

Services are a challenge due to the budget cuts. Parent6 - our lives are a constant challenge.

Parent - Parents are at each others throats as some are getting more than others. You are trying to get us to fight against each other. Parent - if you take away so much as 1 minute of my care i will be getting a solicitor involved.

Are there cuts every year? Adrian - the councillors make this decision. The current budget should be ok for up to 2018 but this could change after the elections.

Is there provision for someone to stay in your own home. Adrian - No we don't have the provision to be able to do this but you can get this yourself with a personal budget.

Social Workers all work different ways. Adrian - This will be more consistent after September when the new Operations Manager comes into post.

If you have a complaint about your worker please contact Adrian Wells.

Autism and other specialist teams will no longer be separate teams anymore. Parent - we need experienced specialist workers.