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Short Breaks Funding for Kingston

There are two funding streams within the Short Breaks service:

Assessed need support - a child or young person meets the criteria for the Disabled Children's Team and the social worker has carried out an assessment of need

Aiming High Support - a variety of services that can be accessed by any child with SEND, where the disability has an impact on their ability to attend a short break

Aiming High Support also funds:

- **Activity Fund** - £140 towards a short break activity - this can be applied for once per year.
- **Additional Support Fund** - Providers can apply for up to 2 days per week for additional funds to employ a worker to support a SEND child in their setting.

Challenges facing Aiming High Support funding:

- ❑ Increase in demand, rising year on year
- ❑ Budget capping; no additional funding available from RBK at present
- ❑ Only a proportion of eligible families are currently accessing support

Number of applications

Number of applications	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 (To Sep 2023)	End of year projection
Activity Fund	263	502	582	412	824
Additional Support Fund	24	44	69	45	90

Budget

2021/22	Budget allocated	Budget spent
Activity Fund	£50,000	£49,884
Additional Support Fund	£14,000	£9553
2022/23	Budget allocated	Budget spent
Activity Fund	£50,000	£68,040
Additional Support Fund	£14,000	£13,961
2023/24	Budget allocated	Budget spend to 31st Aug
Activity Fund	£50,000	£27950
Additional Support Fund	£14,000	£9769

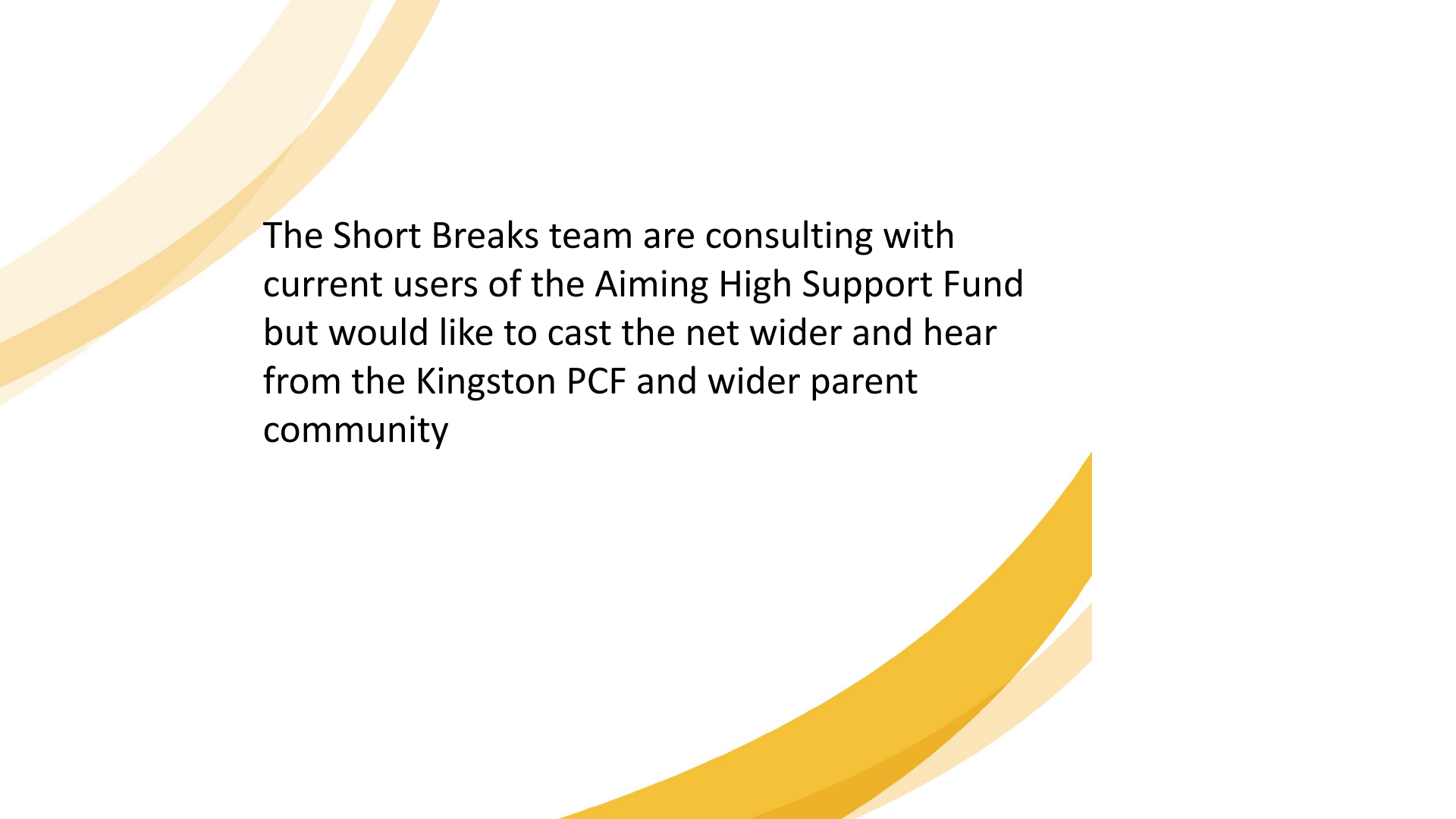
Parent feedback:

“Holiday clubs are full by the time we come to book.”

“After school clubs have a waiting list”

Provider comments:

“More challenging needs reduces the number of children and young people who can attend.”



The Short Breaks team are consulting with current users of the Aiming High Support Fund but would like to cast the net wider and hear from the Kingston PCF and wider parent community