**Specialist Community Short Breaks Services**

**Are you a provider of Childrens Social Care services?  Are you able to cater for the needs of children and young people with learning disabilities, complex needs, severe autism and behaviours that can be challenging?**

**Durham County Council would like to hear from any providers who have experience.  There are currently a number of children and young people with learning disabilities and complex needs who require support to access their community to allow their carers a much needed break.**

**As a priority Commissioners would like to speak with Providers who have staff with the right skills and experience to deliver with immediate effect.  The current demand is to support children and young people with learning disabilities, complex needs and behaviours that challenge services on evenings, weekends and school holidays.**

**Commissioners would also like to engage further providers who deliver these services who may not currently have capacity but may have in the future.**

**If you are in this position please contact** **Shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk** **or telephone 03000 265881.**