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SID asked and it's FAB!

**STARTS** Fetcham based charity SID -Social Information on Disability has just launched a new website called FAB - Family Activities & Breaks [www.asksid.org.uk/fab](http://www.asksid.org.uk/fab) to help families with disabled children or young people find out about a wide range of leisure activities and short breaks across Surrey.

SID was awarded funding from Surrey County Council's Aiming High fund to design the website in response that showed that parents had great difficulty finding out about short breaks for disabled children because there is no central point for information.

Before developing the website SID surveyed a number of parents who care for disabled children and young people and asked what they wanted when it came to arranging time out. The FAB Survey showed overwhelmingly that parents want short breaks with staff who are experienced in caring for disabled children. Also high on their wish list are services that will care for their child while they take a break themselves. Surrey has over 8,000 disabled children and young people age 0-19, and access to short breaks is shown to make a real difference to lives of both the child and their family.

The FAB website has up-to-date information on specialist leisure activities, sports, social clubs, play schemes, childcare and short breaks for disabled children and young people in Surrey. Factsheets on entitlement to breaks, and finding funding and special equipment, links to key children's organisations in Surrey and Aqs on taking short breaks, a news & story page and a new downloadable leaflet from SILC - Surrey Independent Living Council on direct payments for children all form part of this new site.

Hazel Plastow, SID's CEO said, "FAB is a great opportunity to add a service specifically for Surrey parents of disabled children and young people, to those of our free information service and second hand disability equipment listing. The survey results tell us we are going in the right direction, as well as giving us new ideas for developing this website." **ENDS**

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**Editors Notes** 1.1 Social Information on Disability - SID provides information on living with disability to disabled people and carers in Surrey through a free telephone service 0800 0439395 & website [www.asksid.org.uk](http://www.asksid.org.uk). 1.2 View FAB Survey results online at [www.asksid.org.uk/fab](http://www.asksid.org.uk/fab) 1.3 Surrey County Council [Aiming High](#) background information