



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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Feedback from the Project Officer for the LCC Holiday Activities and Food Programme(HAF) Parents Voice Report April – June 24

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⇒ Only one provider in Spalding and not open every day either. Not sure how LCC think this will meet capacity. To confirm I haven't taken a place as there must be other parents more in need of this service than myself that need free childcare and meals. Still doesn't make the lack of capacity right though. My daughter who is also eligible as a young carer didn't even get a voucher again. Not worth the hassle as by the time we got it last year all were full.

During Summer 2024 we had three main HAF Providers delivering in Spalding who had a range of delivery dates. The Department for Education guidance stipulates that providers are allowed to deliver a maximum of 16 dates across summer and are unfortunately unable to deliver each day during the holidays. The HAF Team and Commissioning colleagues carefully balance capacity against demand within the HAF funding envelope, which is maximised.

Schools are responsible for issuing HAF Evoucher codes for our discretionary 15% funding (for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals). LCC advises families who believe they should be eligible under the 15%, to speak with their child's school.

⇒ Nothing worth having for us either. All the nice SEN or STEM stuff is in Lincoln and we get an ever-dwindling amount of sports stuff, some of it limited to a specific school's pupils.

All HAF providers must deliver physical activities, enrichment activities and food and nutrition education as part of their provision and LCC quality assure clubs to ensure this. The HAF Team and Commissioning colleagues are consistently looking for HAF Providers who are able to deliver high quality SEND provision across the county as well as increasing the number of funded SEND places of our existing providers, within the HAF funding envelope.

⇒ Believe Sports are doing two sports days at Tulip academy in Spalding for SEND only. My youngster is booked onto the football one if you're interested? Have a look.

⇒ Sports are not for us. We tried travelling absolutely miles for an animal one that was meant to be SEN but they weren't particularly inclusive.

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⇒ Great for those who don't have complex needs! I can't book for any of my 3 I'd love the money to book private activities or even pay for a much-needed carer.

Please do not hesitate to contact HAF@Lincolnshire.gov.uk to discuss your children's needs and we can discuss suitable provision.

⇒ When I requested a disability social care needs assessment, I was told that HAF is to cover this and that a large amount of funding had been supplied from Social Care. I was also told to use my son's DLA money. Early Help were also mentioned as a means of assessment but we had already explored that option and they couldn't help. As usual we will get through, I'm sure. Let's face it we don't have much choice, do we?

To access HAF, children will either need to be in receipt of benefits related free school meals or schools can utilise our 15% discretionary funding to offer HAF places to children who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. We would recommend speaking to your child's school or alternatively Social Care and Early Help can make referrals to the HAF Team via HAF@Lincolnshire.gov.uk

⇒ It's ridiculous we have a social worker currently and even she says there is nothing locally on HAF
Please contact HAF@Lincolnshire.gov.uk we are happy to discuss provision in your local area.

Just to ensure clarity on the below statement. As an LA the guidance allows us 15% discretionary funding, though we pass this discretion to schools as they are best placed to advise on vulnerable children and families that would benefit from HAF.

"Local authorities have discretion to use up to 15% of their funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but who the local authority believe could benefit from HAF provision."

Examples of 15% groups have been updated to:

- Children being supported by targeted services (child in need, child protection or TAC)
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Young carers
- Children in care
- Ukrainian and Afghanistan refugees