Is there anything that you would add to the Bill?

I would propose that the Bill should contain a specific Duty on local authorities to provide and promote a range of short breaks to benefit carers and the people they care for. Such a Duty would require local authorities to plan and commission provision to ensure there is sufficient supply and choice of short break opportunities to meet the needs of eligible families.

I would propose that carers meeting eligibility criteria should have a quantified and guaranteed minimum entitlement to short breaks support.

Those not reaching the eligibility threshold would be helped to access a range of mainstream services such as accessible recreational and holiday provision, as well as other community-based leisure activities.

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