



You will only be charged for the times you used the vouchers.

To find out more...

Contact your Care Manager or the Care Manager of the person you care for.

If you do not have one, please contact Torbay Care Trust

Torquay 01803 209700

Quotes from carers and users

Mrs R - Carer in Torquay

"I have just discovered the Voucher Scheme and would recommend it to anyone needing to arrange breaks. Filling in the vouchers was so simple and led me to discover a home that I know my husband will be visiting again."

User in Brixham

"Using the Short Break Vouchers I was able to arrange an immediate stay at the home as well as book further stays in advance."

Mr S - Carer in Torquay

"Clearly this scheme is aimed at making life easier for the user and avoids any unnecessary paperwork, cost negotiations and complicated billing processes."



SHORT BREAKS VOUCHER SCHEME

**Making it easier to
arrange short stays in a
care home**



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What is the Short Breaks Voucher Scheme?

Torbay Care Trust has developed this scheme in partnership with residential care homes, to provide adults and carers of adults with easier access to residential short breaks.

The Short Breaks Voucher Scheme is for adults who are eligible for community care services and whose carers have been assessed as needing regular breaks.

Why use Vouchers for Short Breaks?

They are **flexible**.

You can arrange the dates for your break directly with the care home.

They give **choice**.

You can select from the care homes in the scheme and contact or visit any of them to choose one that suits your needs.

They are **simple**.

If you are eligible for the scheme, you will



be sent a number of vouchers which you can use at times to suit you.

Once you have chosen a home that suits your needs, check

that they have a vacancy for the dates you want, you then give the home the vouchers to confirm your booking.

Your Short Break is now guaranteed.

How does the scheme work?

Please contact Torbay Care Trust to arrange for someone to visit you to look at your needs, or your carers' needs. If you would like to use the Short Break Voucher Scheme, the number of breaks will be agreed for the following year.

You will then be sent:

- The number of vouchers you have to use in the following year, one voucher equals one night's break.
- A list of all of the care homes that are part of the scheme. Your Care Manager will mark on the list those homes that are more suitable for your needs.
- Notes on how to book your breaks.

How much will the vouchers cost?

A financial assessment will be carried out to work out if you need to pay anything towards the cost of the break.

Even if you are assessed as having to pay the full amount,

by using this scheme, this may be less than if you booked a break direct with a care home.

