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Response from: Individual

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Hello I have just read the email from [REDACTED] regarding childcare etc.

Recently I had a home meeting with a support worker.

Her first question to me was what do you want need help with?

My son is autistic waiting diagnosis adhd which will take another couple of years as he's only [REDACTED]. He's a very active busy boy , non stop does not sit down at all constantly climbing , jumping, throwing toys likes

Watching the movement and sound as he's a sensory seeker.

I answered and said I would like to have direct payments for my son as we have another child [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] years old and a very strong minded demanding little girl. My partner is a brilliant father. Everyday when he finishes work and come home, [REDACTED] instantly expects to be taken out in the car immediately due to routine. If he doesn't he's biting hitting throwing anything in site! [REDACTED] has to stay out every night until bed time as he won't settle at home he gets bored and used to being taken out by dad. [REDACTED] is different around me mam at home and will stay home with me and be settled until he sees dad.

We would like direct payments simply because [REDACTED] is out every night with [REDACTED] until bed time .

Her response was how old is [REDACTED]? " " we only offer direct payments to a child that is 8, and my boss [REDACTED] will say no to this instantly. Straight away I was shut down an thought what is the point in me opening up to her regarding how difficult [REDACTED] is.

Every weekend we do everything around [REDACTED] needs. What he likes. Mainly a trampoline park. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and has never been to a farm she loves animals and I would love for [REDACTED] and I to take her, [REDACTED] is fine to go different places but we wouldn't do this as a family as [REDACTED] wouldn't feed the animals . [REDACTED] interests are climbing and jumping. If we did do this as a family day out one of us would

be with [REDACTED] and other with [REDACTED] separately. It's not suitable for us to do as a family so me and [REDACTED] would love to do this with [REDACTED] and enjoy this together and not separately. These little moments are important and we can't do this unfortunately. We have changed our lives completely for [REDACTED] and only do what suits and best for him which is fine. We will go above and beyond to keep [REDACTED] happy. But desperate for help as we are exhausted from his behaviour, sleep pattern, change of routine (school holidays)

So I explained this to the support worker and her response was. If [REDACTED] was 11 years old an needed one on one time we would consider this but not when she's [REDACTED]. An 11 year old will be out playing with her friends we are desperate for help now not in 9 years time.

I explained to the support and example of our day out with [REDACTED] recently we drove to [REDACTED] on Good Friday took us 2 hours. [REDACTED] is fine travelling in the car and has been since he was little. We went for a walk [REDACTED] was instantly upset and didn't want to be there. Tried him on the beach he loves the sand. Tried other things wasn't happy so we left.

Previously to this I told her that my father takes [REDACTED] swimming every week to [REDACTED] in there also as [REDACTED] gets out of the pool and will run / sprint the whole length of pool so I'm there to stop him as this is dangerous. My father only sees [REDACTED] 2 hours a week. We speak regularly but he works full time.

Her reply was next time you go out to the beach for the day ask your dad to come and if [REDACTED] upset then he can leave and take him. I was like this is not acceptable [REDACTED] our child why would I ask my father to drive all that way to leave with [REDACTED] if he's distressed.

She asked if I have good family support. Which we do my in laws are amazing [REDACTED] takes [REDACTED] up their house every night due to routine as he's done this since he was a baby to wear him out and let him run round to tire himself out before bed as he's always been full on non stop busy boy. My partner is side by side constantly up his parents house as [REDACTED] is forever up to no good (which he can't help) he like climbing onto furniture and pulling on wall lights which he has ripped off the wall. [REDACTED] has the need to climb higher and higher and jump and my in-laws have a very spacious house with a large landing / stairs and he's recently tried to jump up on banister and look below as if he will jump. He can't be left alone at any time up there.

By me saying we have good family support doesn't mean we have a break from [REDACTED]. My sister in law picks [REDACTED] up twice a week for me to work and once my partner has finished work he picks him up. So due to me saying we have good family support the support worker said due to this this is working against us for

help. Why should we as a family that works and also take [REDACTED] to swimming / gymnastics/ play centres be treated differently to families that can't take their children with disabilities out as they struggle to go anywhere so they offer direct payments to families to encourage children to help go out in community. We as a family do everything for [REDACTED] needs. Exhausted by how non stop an busy he is . Wakes during the nights which he is awake upto 4-6 hours. We are screaming for help and can't have it. I hope by sending you this that it will make a difference to other families and all children with disabilities can have direct payment's regarding their needs and not by encouraging them to go out In community. And also younger children as she told me that is from the age of 8 years

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