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Abstract

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Background: The number of young adults with complex health-care needs due to life-limiting conditions/complex physical disability has risen significantly over the last 15 years, as more children now survive into adulthood. The transition from children to adult services may disrupt provision of essential respite/short break care for this vulnerable population, but the impact on young adults, families and providers is unclear.

Aim: To review the evidence on respite care provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs, provide an evidence gap analysis and develop a conceptual framework for respite care.

Design: A two-stage mixed-methods systematic review, including a knowledge map of respite care and an evidence review of policy, effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and experience.

Data sources: Electronic databases and grey/unpublished literature were searched from 2002 to September 2019. The databases searched included Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, MEDLINE, EMBASE, PsycINFO, Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts, Health Management Information Consortium, PROSPERO, Turning Research into Practice, CONNECT+, British Nursing Index, Web of Science, Social Care Online, the National Institute for Health Research Journals Library, Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care specialist register, databases on The Cochrane Library and international clinical trials registers. Additional sources were searched using the CLUSTER (Citations, Lead authors, Unpublished materials, Scholar search, Theories, Early examples, Related projects) approach and an international 'call for evidence'.

Methods and analysis: Multiple independent reviewers used the SPICE (Setting, Perspective, Intervention/phenomenon of interest, Comparison, Evaluation) framework to select and extract evidence for each stage, verified by a third reviewer. Study/source characteristics and outcomes were extracted. Study quality was assessed using relevant tools. Qualitative evidence was synthesised using a framework approach and UK policy was synthesised using documentary content analysis. GRADE-CERQual (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation-Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative Research) was used to assess confidence in the evidence. Logic models developed for each type of respite care constituted the conceptual framework.

ABSTRACT

Results: We identified 69 sources (78 records) from 126,267 records. The knowledge map comprised the following types of respite care: residential, home based, day care, community, leisure/social provision, funded holidays and emergency. Seven policy intentions included early transition planning and prioritising respite care according to need. No evidence was found on effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. Qualitative evidence focused largely on residential respite care. Facilitators of accessible/acceptable services included trusted and valued relationships, independence and empowerment of young adults, peer social interaction, developmental/age-appropriate services and high standards of care. Barriers included transition to adult services, paperwork, referral/provision delay and travelling distance. Young adults from black, Asian and minority ethnic populations were under-represented. Poor transition, such as loss of or inappropriate services, was contrary to statutory expectations. Potential harms included stress and anxiety related to safe care, frustration and distress arising from unmet needs, parental exhaustion, and a lack of opportunities to socialise and develop independence.

Limitations: No quantitative or mixed-methods evidence was found on effectiveness or cost-effectiveness of respite care. There was limited evidence on planned and emergency respite care except residential.

Conclusions: Policy intentions are more comprehensively met for young people aged < 18 years who are accessing children's services. Young adults with complex needs often 'fall off a cliff' following service withdrawal and this imbalance needs addressing.

Future work: Research to quantify the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of respite care to support service development and commissioning. Development of a core set of outcomes measures to support future collation of evidence.

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Glossary

Complex care Substantial and ongoing health-care needs typically requiring a co-ordinated response from more than one sector or organisation. Complex care needs can be the result of chronic illness or disabilities or follow hospital treatment. Complex care is sometimes referred to as long-term care or continuing care.

Complex physical disability Complex impairments and/or physical disabilities, often due to congenital or acquired disability, or major neurological trauma, requiring a high level of physical management and support. Sometimes referred to as severe or profound disability. May overlap and interlock with other health conditions or learning disabilities, creating a complex patient profile.

Disability According to the Equality Act 2010, 'a physical or mental impairment that has a "substantial" and "long-term" negative effect on a person's ability to do normal daily activities' (Great Britain. *Equality Act 2010*. Chapter 15. London: The Stationery Office; 2010).

Formal respite care Care that is provided by organisations or individuals who receive financial payment, including family carers paid through management of personal care budgets.

Informal respite care Respite care for which no financial payment is received.

Life-limiting condition A condition of which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which the person is expected to die.

Respite care The temporary provision of formal (paid) or informal (unpaid) physical, emotional, spiritual or social care for a dependent person to promote well-being and independence and to reduce carer distress.

Short breaks Care defined by Together for Short Lives as having three main functions: '(1) to provide the child or young person with an opportunity to enjoy social interaction and leisure facilities; (2) to support the family in the care of their child in the home or an alternative community environment such as a children's hospice; and (3) to provide opportunities for siblings to have fun and receive support in their own right' [Reproduced with permission from Together for Short Lives. *Children's Palliative Care Definitions*. URL: www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/get-support/supporting-you/family-resources/childrens-palliative-care-definitions/ (accessed 31 July 2020).].

Young adults Typically considered to be adults aged 19–25 years, although some definitions begin at 18 years and extend to 40–45 years. For the purposes of this protocol, the definition is 18–40 years of age.

List of abbreviations

24/7	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	LLC	life-limiting and life-threatening condition
AGREE II	Appraisal of Guidelines, REsearch and Evaluation Version II	NFPO	not-for-profit organisation
BAME	black, Asian and minority ethnic	NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
CASP	Critical Appraisal Skills Programme	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group	PAG	Patient and Public Advisory Group
CLUSTER	Citations, Lead authors, Unpublished materials, Scholar search, Theories, Early examples, Related projects	PPI	patient and public involvement
GRADE-CERQual	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation-Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative research	PRISMA	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
		SG	Steering Group
		SPICE	Setting, Perspective, Intervention/phenomenon of interest, Comparison, Evaluation
		TfSL	Together for Short Lives

Plain English summary

Young adults with life-limiting conditions or complex physical disabilities have complex health-care needs. As more children with complex conditions now survive into adulthood, the number of young adults needing care has risen significantly. Respite care provides essential support for young adults and a break for their families. Lack of respite has a negative impact on the length and quality of life of these young adults, including early death, and physical and emotional strain on ageing parents. Information about what respite care is available after transition to adult services has, to the best of our knowledge, not been gathered nationally.

We looked for evidence about respite care services for young adults aged 18–40 years with complex health-care needs to find out what types of services are available and how well they work for families. We worked with young adults, parents and professionals to identify evidence and understand the findings.

We gathered evidence from lots of sources, including academic papers, reports from organisations and policy documents. We created a ‘knowledge map’ that describes six different categories of respite care currently available: (1) residential, (2) home based, (3) day care, (4) community, leisure and social activities, (5) holidays and (6) emergency respite. None of the documents we found included ratings of how well the services worked or the costs of providing the service, showing that these are areas where future research is needed.

UK government policy had clear intentions on how to provide respite care, including early planning for transition and making respite care available to all those who need it. Young adults, parents and professionals reported that safe, age-appropriate respite care has many benefits for the physical and emotional well-being of all. The biggest barrier to respite after transition to adult services is the lack of appropriate respite services and trained staff. This has a negative effect on the health and well-being of the whole family at a time when they had increasing need for respite care.

Scientific summary

Background

This mixed-methods systematic review focuses on young adults with complex health-care needs due to life-limiting/life-threatening conditions or complex physical disability. The number of young adults with complex health-care needs due to life-limiting conditions/complex physical disability has risen significantly over the last 15 years, as more children survive into adulthood. The needs of young people with complex health-care requirements are diverse and can involve complex life-long symptom and medication management, and palliative care. Respite care and short breaks are an essential component of palliative care for young adults with complex health-care needs; however, provision following transition to adult services is often inadequate and young adults face significant barriers to accessing appropriate respite care.

The lack of appropriate adult respite or short break services after transition adds to the burden of living with complex health-care needs for young adults and their families, and has been described by parents as 'like falling off a cliff'. The consequences of poor continuity of care for young adults with complex health-care needs include adversely affected social, educational, vocational and spiritual outcomes; inadequate management of complex comorbidities; deterioration in the young adult's physical and mental health, and earlier death; family carer burnout; and inappropriate, costly hospital admissions. Respite care is associated with benefits, such as increasing family resilience, improving psychological well-being of parents, reducing risk of carer breakdown and avoiding costly, unplanned hospital admissions, a longer length of stay and social care intervention. However, most of the evidence on the use and impact of respite care relates to children's services, rather than services for young adults with life-limiting/life-threatening conditions and complex disability.

Commissioners and service providers have a statutory duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 (Great Britain. *Children and Families Act 2014*. London: The Stationery Office; 2014) and the Care Act 2014 (Great Britain. *Care Act 2014*. London: The Stationery Office; 2014) to ensure seamless provision of responsive, appropriately funded integrated services for young adults with complex health-care needs as they transition to adult services. Despite the rising number of young people with complex health-care needs surviving into early adulthood and the consequent escalation in respite care service demand for themselves and their families, to the best of our knowledge, the current scale, cost and types of available respite care have not been collated and evaluated at a national level, which is the focus of this report.

Aim

To review the evidence on respite care provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs to characterise and determine gaps in the evidence base and develop a conceptual framework for respite care.

To achieve the above aim, our objectives were to:

- explore current UK policy, not-for-profit organisation publications and guideline recommendations regarding respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years)
- identify and characterise the different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years)

- develop a series of logic models that embody the programme logic and programme theories of respite care and short break types for young adults (aged 18–40 years) to inform service planning and commissioning
- determine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years)
- better understand the impact, experiences and perceptions of respite care and short break provision from the perspectives of service users and providers
- make recommendations for further empirical research to inform intervention development and evaluation.

Methods

The systematic review was conducted in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and meta-ethnography reporting guidance (eMERGe) and was registered on the PROSPERO database (CRD42018088780). We conducted a two-stage mixed-methods systematic review.

Stage 1

The purpose of stage 1 was to create a knowledge map of different types of formal and informal respite care to develop an initial logic model for each type of service to illustrate the differences in context, service configuration, populations, implementation and intended outcomes for various stakeholders.

Stage 2

The purpose of stage 2 was to construct the evidence synthesis in four method-specific streams (i.e. policy, intervention effectiveness, health economics and experience) to finalise logic models that encapsulated the essential elements and intended outcomes of different types of respite care service provision, forming a conceptual framework for the review.

We developed a search strategy with an information specialist to identify relevant published and unpublished evidence (e.g. primary studies, evaluations and policy documents), informed by the SPICE (Setting, Perspective, Intervention/phenomenon of interest, Comparison, Evaluation) framework and the need to identify all potential data from a diverse range of sources.

We conducted comprehensive literature searches of electronic databases and grey/unpublished literature. The databases were searched from 2002 to September 2019 and included Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, MEDLINE, EMBASE, PsycINFO, Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts, Health Management Information Consortium, PROSPERO, Turning Research into Practice, COnNECT+, British Nursing Index, Web of Science, Social Care Online, the National Institute for Health Research Journals Library, Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care specialist register, databases on The Cochrane Library and international clinical trials registers. We searched reference lists of included evidence, used the CLUSTER (Citations, Lead authors, Unpublished materials, Scholar search, Theories, Early examples, Related projects) approach and an international call for evidence to capture any unpublished work and additional relevant outputs.

The located sources were uploaded into Covidence, a web-based systematic review management platform (URL: www.covidence.org), and screened independently by two members of the team at each stage. Disagreements were resolved by separate reviewers. Evidence was independently categorised to be included in stage 1 and/or stage 2. Within stage 2, sources were categorised to one of the following four streams of evidence: (1) intervention effectiveness, (2) health economics, (3) experience and attitudes or (4) UK policy and guidelines.

No evidence was identified for stream 1 (effectiveness) or stream 2 (health economics). No quantitative or mixed-methods evidence that met the inclusion criteria was found. The quality evaluation used the CASP (Critical Appraisal Skills Programme) checklist for qualitative evidence of stream 3 (experience). No quality assessment was conducted for stream 4 (policy). Bespoke data extraction tools were developed to extract publication characteristics, study aims, hypotheses, participant characteristics, types of respite care, methods, recruitment and participants, findings, outcomes and limitations. GRADE-CERQual (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation-Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative research) was used to assess the strength and confidence of the synthesised qualitative evidence. Qualitative evidence was synthesised using a framework approach and UK policy was synthesised using documentary content analysis. We used GRADE-CERQual to assess confidence in the evidence. Logic models for each type of respite care were developed as the conceptual framework for the review. The team worked collaboratively, from the inception of the study through to dissemination, with young adults, parents and respite care providers who were members of the Patient and Public Advisory Group and the Steering Group. We worked flexibly with the groups via remote video meetings and through e-mails. The Patient and Public Advisory Group and Steering Group contributed to each stage of the review, using their lived experiences to ensure that the review was relevant to practice.

Results

Of the 126,267 records identified, 77,339 were screened after deduplication, resulting in 69 primary sources in 78 records across stages 1 and 2.

Knowledge map

A total of 42 sources (51 records) were included and identified six main types of respite care: (1) residential, (2) home based, (3) day care, (4) community, leisure and social provision, (5) funded holidays and (6) emergency respite.

UK policy and guidelines (stream 4)

This evidence stream had 20 sources, consisting of 16 policy documents from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and four guidance documents from third-sector organisations. All nations have similar stated intentions to meet the provision of respite care and short breaks for carers, as set out in the legal framework of acts such as the Care Act 2014 (Great Britain) (a UK act of parliament that details local authorities' duties regarding the assessment of need and eligibility for publicly funded care and support). The legal duties and priorities change in focus between the child-focused policies that are aimed at the holistic needs of the child and family, to policies that are more directed at provision of breaks for the carer. Seven areas of policy intention were identified.

The key policy intentions to shape the experience, implementation and delivery of respite care for young adults include two main targets: (1) for good transition-planning to start early, at approximately 14 years of age, with early assessment and development of a care plan to meet the young adult's identified needs, including respite care and short breaks; and (2) for respite care to be provided in a range of services that are age and developmentally appropriate and resourced with appropriately trained staff to ensure safe care.

Intentions for the parents include a carer assessment to be conducted to identify and develop a care plan for their needs, including any personal outcomes they wish to achieve (e.g. breaks from caring). Intentions for all include the following.

- Respite care and breaks to be planned, rather than responsive to a crisis.
- Clear eligibility criteria and information about available services and charges to be publicly available.
- Assessors to know and be confident in discussing available respite care during assessments.

- Care to be available at different times and on different days to suit the recipient.
- A broad range of respite to be made available (including holidays, organised social and sport activities, outings) at home during the day and overnight.
- Performance indicators and user outcomes to be monitored by services to identify gaps in provision, data on service use and impact for service users.
- Services from all sectors to work together to develop partnership-based services, and service user's choice of provider to be supported by use of short break vouchers or direct payments, where appropriate. However, this should not limit effective commissioning, which shapes the market to meet the needs of local young adults and parents.
- Young adults and parents to be involved in the development and delivery of services.

Experience and attitudes (stream 3)

This evidence stream included 20 sources from 27 records. Evidence was identified for 10 of the 13 respite care types categorised in the knowledge map stage. No evidence was found for host family/fostering respite, emergency respite provided in home or in hospital, and host family emergency respite, highlighting gaps in the current evidence base. There was limited evidence for all types of planned and emergency respite care except residential.

The benefits and outcomes identified for young adults in the qualitative evidence were numerous and varied, including the promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, and the enhancement of their holistic well-being. The main benefits and outcomes experienced by parents included time to rest and recuperate, to build resilience to continue providing care, spending time engaging in interests or hobbies, and time with partners and other children.

Facilitators of accessible and acceptable service included trusted and valued relationships, developmentally/age-appropriate services and high standards of care. It was desirable for young adults and families to be engaged in planning of respite care services to ensure that services were fit for purpose and delivered in a flexible and individualised way (including providing access to a choice of respite care types and different activities).

Barriers to accessing respite care included paperwork, referral/provision delay and lengthy travelling distance to the service. Service providers highlighted the lack of service use by black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, suggesting a level of unmet need and access barriers which need to be further understood and addressed. The key barrier to respite care for young adults was transition to adult services because of the lack of any appropriate respite care services for young adults or only limited access respite in settings that are not developmentally or age appropriate, such as nursing homes for the elderly.

Several harms due to the lack of appropriate respite care services after transition were identified. Young adults, their parents and siblings experienced negative impact on their psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care, frustration and distress at needs not being met appropriately, lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence, and exhaustion for parents. Ultimately, the detrimental effects on the health and well-being of all the family were due to the reduction or complete loss of any respite care service at a time when the young adult and their family may have increasing need for it.

Discussion

This review has made a substantial contribution to the knowledge and evidence on respite care for young adults. Outputs include the following.

- A knowledge map of respite care services.
- Thirteen logic models for different types of respite care from a broad range of sources.

- Identification of gaps in the evidence of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of respite care, methodologies used and level of evidence for different types of respite care.
- The synthesis of relevant policy and qualitative evidence, including the factors that create barriers to and facilitators of the delivery and access of respite care for young adults with complex health-care needs.

Conclusions

The review identified several areas with implications for practice and policy, and recommendations for future research.

Implications for policy

Policy intentions are clearly stated in UK policy documents; however, they are more comprehensively applied to young people aged < 18 years who can still access children's services and for whom there appears to be more provision of respite services that meet policy intentions. After the age of 18 years, especially for those with the most complex needs, policy intentions are not consistently fulfilled and this imbalance needs addressing.

Implications for practice

- The findings suggest a lack of regular and local monitoring to support shared learning and comparison of services across regions, as recommended by policy. It would be beneficial to develop and agree a core set of outcomes measures to gather quantitative and qualitative measures for use across services to permit collation of outcomes across a diverse and disparate population.
- More research and routine service evaluation is required to inform the planning and commissioning of appropriate respite care services for young adults.
- The evidence identified inequity of service provision before and after transition, which needs to be understood and addressed by commissioners.

Recommendations for research

Several areas are recommended for future research to address gaps in the evidence.

- To establish the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of respite care for young adults, larger comparative longitudinal studies using robust methods are required. These studies should use quantitative and health economic measures to determine whether or not services work. In addition, qualitative data are required to assess implementation, uptake and service experience. These studies should include black, Asian and minority ethnic subgroups.
- Research on the uptake and impact of carer assessments on service provision to young adults and their parents is needed to improve the evidence base and inform practice.
- Further research is needed on the impact of transition from children to adult services on respite care provision for young adults and breaks for their parents.
- Clearer reporting of populations and definitions in published research is needed to support capture of data from young adults with complex health-care needs included in mixed populations.

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Chapter 1 Background and rationale

This mixed-methods systematic review focuses on young adults with complex health-care needs due to life-limiting and life-threatening conditions (LLCs) or complex physical disability.

Young adults with life-limiting or complex physical disability needs

Young adults with LLCs or complex physical disabilities are often regarded as distinct populations, but they share experiences of health-care services and a lack of available respite care services to meet their needs. They are often described as having complex health-care needs because of a single diagnosis or multiple diagnoses (e.g. illness, congenital conditions or trauma), and many individuals live with multimorbidities. They commonly need continuous health care, with support from similar services across a range of conditions and disabilities, but survival to adulthood and the consequent transfer from children to adult services has increased the demand for appropriate services to meet their complex health-care needs. There is therefore a clear rationale for combining the population of young adults with LLCs and those with complex physical disabilities for the purpose of exploring service provision for young adults with complex health-care needs to inform future research and service development. This section describes and defines the patient population included in the review.

Definition of life-limiting conditions

The population of children with LLCs who survive to adulthood is rising annually in England. Owing to medical advances, the number of 16- to 19-year-olds with palliative care needs has increased by 45% over the past decade to 1 in 10 young people, with approximately 55,721 young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex needs living in England in 2010.¹² Their needs are diverse, involving complex life-long symptom and medication management, and palliative care.³ Many of these children and young people die in infancy and childhood, but those surviving into adulthood tend to have degenerative and progressive conditions lasting for many years. This results in complex health-care needs and high dependency on care that is mainly provided by family members, with support from paid carers and health and social care professionals. The duration and frequency of care for these young adults differs from those of adults with terminal illness, who predominantly require care during the last 12 months of life. In contrast, the care needs of young adults with LLCs are longer term and are associated with higher costs that escalate as their condition deteriorates. The increasing proportion of young people surviving to adulthood has consequently placed increasing demands on commissioners and service providers to meet their complex needs as they transition to adult services.¹³

Over 300 diagnoses are encapsulated within the population of children and young adults with LLCs, which can be grouped into the following four broad categories:⁴

1. Life-limiting conditions where a cure is possible but may fail (e.g. cancer or irreversible organ failure).
2. Conditions that, although treated intensively over a period of time, inevitably lead to early death (e.g. cystic fibrosis).
3. Progressive conditions where treatment is exclusively palliative and often extends over many years (e.g. muscular dystrophy).
4. Irreversible but non-progressive conditions that give rise to severe disability and sometimes premature death (e.g. disabilities following brain or spinal cord insult or severe cerebral palsy).

Drawing on key terms from the literature and the definition from Together for Short Lives (TfSL),¹⁻⁴ the UK charity for children, young people and young adults who are expected to have short lives, we have defined a young adult with LLCs as follows:

Young adults with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, where there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which they are expected to die.

Definition of complex physical disability

Over the last 13 years, the prevalence of children and young people with severe disability and complex needs has risen because of increasing survival rates.^{4,5} In 2007, there were an estimated 100,000 disabled children with complex care needs in England, with a projected increase of 50% over the following decade.^{4,6} There is therefore an urgent need to gather evidence on the life experiences of this rising population to explore their needs and assess implications for future service demand.⁴

There is wide variation in the definitions of disability and severity, particularly compared with definitions used in the adult population.⁶ The Equality Act 2010 defines 'disability' as a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on a person's ability to engage in normal daily activities.⁷ Complex physical disability can be grouped into the following three broad categories:⁸

1. sudden onset conditions (e.g. acquired brain injury, spinal cord conditions, peripheral nervous system conditions, multiple trauma)
2. progressive and intermittent conditions (e.g. neurological and neuromuscular conditions, severe musculoskeletal or multiorgan disease or physical illness/injury)
3. stable conditions with or without degenerative change (e.g. congenital conditions, post-polio syndrome or other previous neurological injury).

Complex physical disability is sometimes referred to as 'severe' or 'profound' disability and may overlap with other health conditions, creating a complex patient profile. These profiles often include learning disability or cognitive impairment; however, this review has focused on health-care needs and the population was therefore restricted to young adults with complex health-care needs due to complex physical disability. Given the variance in definitions of disability between children and adults, we also included complex physical disability arising from cancer diagnosed as a young adult.

For the purpose of this review, we defined a young adult with complex physical disability as follows:

Young adults with impairments and/or physical disabilities due to congenital or acquired physical disability, or major neurological trauma, which require a complex level of physical management and support.

Definition of complex health-care needs

Defining the concept of 'complex' is challenging, as it may vary according to setting and perspective.⁹ The health-care needs of a young adult population with LLCs or complex disability may range from complex to highly complex. For example, young adults who are dependent on long-term ventilation or have complex drug regimens are often considered too complex for many respite care services, leading to ineligibility for universal respite care and therefore requiring specially commissioned services. The variation in terminology, the spectrum of complexity and inflexibility of adult assessment processes may result in inequality of care and loss of funding for services, including respite care. Therefore, adoption of a broad definition facilitated the capture of all relevant evidence. There is no consensus-based definition of complex health-care needs,³ but it typically refers to physical, mental and/or health needs that vary across the population in different and often multidimensional ways. It has been argued that the term 'complex' relates more to the complexity of service provision rather than individual needs, and that the term 'multifaceted condition' may better describe the interconnectedness of an individual's varied health and social care needs.¹⁰ However, complex health-care needs is a term commonly used in the literature and variation between definitions suggest that complex needs can be considered both in terms of breadth (i.e. the wide range of needs) and depth (i.e. the high level of needs).¹¹ We have therefore defined complex health-care needs as follows:

Complex health-care needs that are substantial and ongoing that typically involve multiple health concerns and require a co-ordinated response from more than one service.

Definition of young adult

There is no universal consensus on the definition of a young adult in the UK. For example, the Ministry of Justice uses the age band of 18–20 years, the National Health Survey for England uses 16–24 years and the Crime Survey for England & Wales uses 18–25 years.¹² UK services do not tend to define respite services by age group and therefore it is important to use a sufficiently broad age range to capture our target population. Services for children with complex health-care needs may be extended beyond 18 years of age, but the upper limit varies by specific service and geographical location. For example, the upper limit is 23 years at Claire House Children's Hospice (Wirral, UK), 35 years at St Elizabeth Hospice (Ipswich, UK) and 40 years at The J's Hospice (Essex, UK), with the lower limit for many adult NHS services set at 16 or 18 years. The Care Quality Commission and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommend initiation of transition planning when the child is aged 13 or 14 years, although this may vary according to individual preferences.^{13,14} Drawing on key definitions from the literature,^{2,15} feedback from stakeholders, and the profile of known UK service provision and TfSL, we adopted the following definition:

Young adults are defined as people aged 18–40 years.

Respite care and short breaks for young adults with complex health-care needs

Respite care and short breaks are an essential component of ongoing support for children, young people and young adults with complex health-care needs.^{16,17} They provide relief from the caring environment, with multidimensional benefits for all members of the family.^{18,19} TfSL defines three main functions of short break care: '1) to provide the child or young person with an opportunity to enjoy social interaction and leisure facilities; 2) to support the family in the care of their child in the home or an alternative community environment such as a children's hospice; and 3) to provide opportunities for siblings to have fun and receive support in their own right' (reproduced with permission from Together for Short Lives).¹⁹ Typically, such provision includes residential hospice care or a similar service, day care, host family respite and home-based support, including sitting services and holiday cover. Respite care and short breaks are provided by both formal and informal carers. Formal carers are typically defined as registered professionals or care staff who work privately, for provider organisations or who receive payment for their services. Informal carers are often family members or friends who provide the same type of care on an unpaid basis, although some informal carers may receive payments through personal care budgets managed by families. This section summarises current respite care and short breaks services that helped shape our definition of the intervention.

Current service provision

There are clear differences between child and adult services in the way that respite care is conceptualised, funded and provided.²⁰ Typically, the term 'short breaks' is used in children's services to encompass all levels of care, whether residential or in the home, and is a key service provided by children's hospices and some specialist children's services.²¹ Planned respite care in adult services focuses on the need to give the carer a break from caring rather than providing opportunities for the person receiving care, and is typically referred to as 'respite' or 'replacement' care. The respite care and short breaks provided by children's services may be inappropriate for young adults and the upper age limit for eligible access varies between providers and commissioners. On the other hand, typical adult services predominantly serve the needs of older people, those with cancer or other terminal diagnosis, and people requiring end-of-life care, rather than fluctuating health conditions and may be inappropriate respite care for young people with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability.^{16,22–25} With notable exceptions such as cystic fibrosis and long-term ventilation, adult sector staff in the UK generally have little experience of paediatric conditions or of supporting young adults with complex needs.^{3,13,24,26} Limited respite care, particularly for those with highly complex health needs, is available for planned short breaks or emergency family situations once young adults with complex health-care needs have transitioned to adult services.^{3,13,27}

The definition of 'residential short breaks' for young people with disabilities varies considerably between social care authorities, ranging from residential schools, sitting services and day care in the home or other settings, to flexible packages tailored to suit individuals.⁶ This is an element of the wider problem of service model variation across health and social care in terms of service definition, commissioning, funding and delivery, even within the same authority.⁵ However, estimates from local authorities suggest that only 8 in 10,000 disabled children aged 0–17 years receiving social care services, and 18% of children receiving a service from disabled children's teams, had received residential short breaks.⁶

The nature and costs of respite care may vary considerably, depending on the provider and level of complex health needs to be supported, and estimating costs may therefore be a complex process. Referral, assessment models and procedures may also vary between services and the care required by young adults with complex health-care needs is highly individual. Decision-making and care planning may be further complicated by legal and policy changes associated with the transition to adult services, including the transfer of parental to personal responsibility (unless there are capacity issues), and many families are ill-prepared for these changes. The changes associated with transition may also have an impact on the wider family, for example where housing and welfare support assessments move away from the whole 'family' (such as using parental income and other dependents to assess need) to assessment of the young adult alone, with their family largely disregarded in the assessment process. Consequently, young adults may face significant barriers to accessing appropriate care and support as they make the transition to adult services.^{28,29} Parents have described the transition process as 'like falling off a cliff' when the support from children's services ends and appropriate adult services are not in place, adding to the complex burden of living with complex health-care needs for young adults and their families.³⁰

Benefits of respite care and short breaks

The limited evidence indicates that respite care and short breaks may have a broad range of benefits, such as increasing family-carer resilience,²⁷ improving the psychological well-being of parents,^{16,31} reducing the risk of carer breakdown^{23,27} and avoiding costly unplanned hospital admissions, a longer length of stay and social care intervention.^{32,33}

However, most of the evidence on the use and impact of respite care and short breaks relates to children's services, such as hospices, rather than services for young adults with LLCs, partly because, until relatively recently, so few children survived into adulthood. However, more people with LLCs are now surviving beyond childhood and their needs may increase as they grow older, for example with the desire for independence and the need for support outside the family as ageing parents develop their own health problems. With a rapidly growing population of young adults making the transition from child to adult services, there is growing evidence of poor continuity of care, including respite care provision, that leads to the needs of the young adult and their family being unmet. The consequences of poor continuity of care may include adversely affected social, educational, vocational and spiritual outcomes; inadequate management of complex comorbidities; deterioration in the young adult's physical and mental health; family-carer burnout; and inappropriate, costly hospital admissions.^{24,34,35} Most disturbingly, earlier death may result from poor transition and loss of services.³⁵

Definition of respite care and short breaks

A systematic review of respite care provision for older people with dementia identified eight models of respite care and short breaks, and characterised services according to duration, pattern of use, location, response (e.g. planned or emergency care) and the characteristics of service users and staff.³⁶ The types of respite care included day care, home day care, clubs, interests or activity groups, home-based support, host family respite, overnight respite in specialist facilities, overnight respite in non-specialist facilities and holidays.³⁶ Other types of care, such as emergency residential respite and emergency home-based respite, are also described in the literature. These reflect many of the known service types for young people with LLCs and complex physical disability, illustrating variations in service configuration. It is also likely that other types of care will evolve in response to growing demand.

Following an initial scoping of evidence for the review protocol, we characterised nine service types (Figure 1), grouped into five overarching service categories. However, we note that some providers may offer more than one type of service.

The definition of short breaks and respite care used by children and adult services differ by service type and intended outcomes. More information on the intended outcomes by service types can be found in the logic models that form the conceptual framework for the review in *Appendices 8–20*. This is partly attributable to the flexibility required to meet the needs of both service users and providers when developing services. Some of the factors that may influence service delivery include:³³

- location (e.g. in the person's own home, at a carer's home, residential or community setting)
- duration (e.g. for a few hours, overnight, several days)
- timing (e.g. weekdays, weekends, evenings)
- provider (e.g. local authorities, health agencies, voluntary/independent agencies)
- care funding (e.g. use of personal budget, care package, provider or charity funded).

Drawing on the literature and policy statements we used the following definition of respite care and short breaks:

Respite care and short breaks are the temporary provision of formal or informal physical, emotional, spiritual or social care for a dependent person.

Formal respite care is provided by organisations or individuals who receive financial payment, including family carers paid through management of personal care budgets.

Informal respite care does not involve financial payment.

Need for the review

Children, young people and young adults with complex health-care needs have multiple comorbidities and/or disabilities in addition to their primary diagnosis or condition. They are therefore at increased risk of other health-care problems. Care for these young people is an ongoing, complex process, with no simple care pathway and often multiple, unplanned episodes of illness. The Department of Education and Skills' report *Aiming High for Disabled Children: Supporting Families*³⁷ made a clear

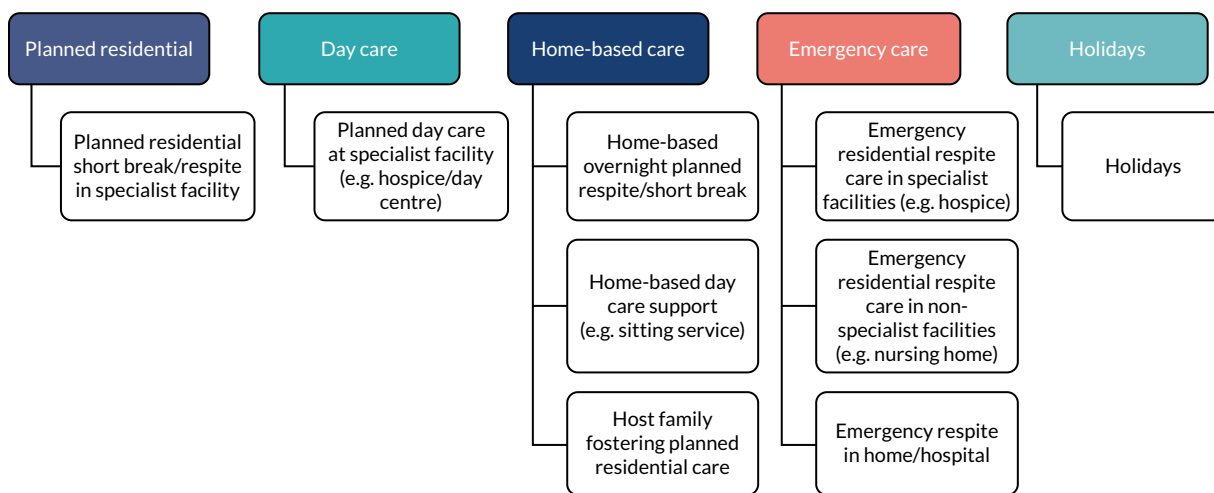


FIGURE 1 Preliminary types of respite care.

policy commitment to improving available data on disabled young people and their access to services, but further work is required to improve access to specialist services, such as short breaks/respite care.³⁸ Seven out of 10 families caring for someone with profound or multiple disabilities report having reached or come close to 'breaking point' because of a lack of short break services.³⁹

The Care Quality Commission found a significant shortfall between policy and practice during transition from child to adult services due to fragmentation of the system, which can be confusing and difficult to navigate for young adults with complex health-care needs, their families and staff caring for them.¹³ This is supported by evidence showing that poor service provision following transition to adult services has a significant impact on both the life expectancy and quality of life for these young adults, including early death and increased psychosocial burden on families and carers.^{20,24,34,35} Previously published research by the review team^{35,40} and a national survey of hospices and health-care professionals conducted by the team in 2015 identified significant gaps in the evidence base, challenges in providing respite care for young adults with complex health-care needs and the need for robust evidence to inform service development.⁴¹

Commissioning of respite services is devolved in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Commissioners and service providers in England and Wales have a statutory duty under the *Children and Families Act 2014*⁴² and the *Care Act 2014*⁴³ to ensure seamless provision of responsive, appropriately funded and integrated services for young adults with complex health-care needs as they transition to adult services.^{1,13,22} Despite the rising number of young people with complex health-care needs surviving into early adulthood, and the consequent escalation in care service demand for themselves and their families, the current scale, cost and types of available respite care have not been collated and evaluated at a national level. Comprehensive data collation is challenging because of the range of public and private providers, fragmented development of independent services and the variability in funding practices, including commissioned care (NHS or social care), local authority, charity funded and use of personal budgets.

Evidence on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of respite care/short breaks and the views and experiences of service users is published in a variety of sources across the evidence spectrum. Given the uncertainties concerning types of available care and lack of clarity on the optimum types of service provision, it is essential to systematically review the plethora and diversity of sources, and to integrate these into a cohesive summary, highlighting gaps in evidence to inform future research.

Chapter 2 Aims and objectives

The aim of this mixed-methods review was to identify, appraise and synthesise evidence relating to the type and impact of respite care and short breaks provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs. The review aimed to explore policy intentions, service intentions and service-user perspectives (i.e. factors that may inhibit or facilitate the delivery of such care) and cost-effectiveness to develop a conceptual framework for respite care, and to form the basis of recommendations for future service development and the need for new research.

To achieve the above aim, our objectives were as follows:

- To explore current UK policy, not-for-profit organisation (NFPO) publications and guideline recommendations regarding respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability.
- To identify and characterise the different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability.
- To develop a series of logic models that embody the programme logic and programme theories of respite care and short break types for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability that will inform service planning and commissioning.
- To determine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability.
- To better understand the impact, experiences and perceptions of respite care and short break provision from the perspectives of service users and providers.
- To make recommendations for further empirical research to inform intervention development and evaluation.

Systematic review questions

For young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability we considered the following:

- What are the current UK policy and guidance recommendations for the provision of respite care and short breaks? (Objective 1.)
- What types of respite care and short breaks are provided in the UK and similar global economies? (Objectives 2 and 3.)
- What is the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision? (Objective 4.)
- What is the economic impact of respite care and short breaks? (Objective 4.)
- What are service users' and providers' views of current respite care provision and the need for new services? (Objective 5.)
- What are the facilitators of and barriers to providing, implementing, using and sustaining respite care and short breaks, taking into account the different perspectives of young adults, family members and providers? (Objectives 3–5.)

Chapter 3 Methods

This section describes in detail all aspects of the search strategy, screening and selection of evidence, data extraction and quality appraisal, methods of synthesis and the role of members of the Patient and Public Advisory Group (PAG) and Steering Group (SG). As anticipated, because of the complexity of the mixed-methods approach and the nature of the evidence, there were minor methodological departures from the published protocol.⁴⁴ A summary of the differences between the protocol and the review are described in *Summary of deviations from the protocol*.

Overview

To achieve the review objectives set out in *Chapter 2*, we conducted a two-stage mixed-methods systematic review, adopting a similar approach to that used in other mixed-methods systematic reviews.^{45,46} *Figure 2* depicts the planned flow of work through the two stages, incorporating the development of logic models as the conceptual framework for the review.

We conducted comprehensive literature searches of electronic databases and grey/unpublished literature. The results were independently assessed for inclusion through two screening stages and categorised as included in stage 1 and/or stage 2 as follows.

Stage 1: knowledge map of types of respite care services

We identified, catalogued and described different types of formal and informal respite care and short break services for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability. We developed an initial logic model for each type of service to illustrate the differences in context, service configuration, populations, implementation and intended outcomes for various stakeholders.

Stage 2: evidence review

We synthesised evidence in method-specific streams and grouped the evidence according to the types of service identified in stage 1, extracted key descriptive information from each source and evaluated methodological quality. Results and recommendations were extracted from each source and synthesised within each evidence stream. We also identified key policies and extracted the policy intent concerning respite care.

Further development and refining the logic models as a conceptual framework

Building on the knowledge map identified in stage 1 and the evidence synthesised in stage 2, we continued to further develop and refine a series of logic models that encapsulated the essential elements and intended outcomes of different types of respite care service provision, forming a conceptual framework for the review, which became a product of the review when fully developed (see *Appendices 8–20*).

Identifying the literature

Evidence selection criteria

We defined selection criteria using the SPICE (Setting, Perspective, Intervention/phenomenon of interest, Comparison, Evaluation) framework⁴⁷ (*Table 1*).

Search strategy

The investigative team and SG, led by our information specialist (MM), developed the search strategy to identify relevant published and unpublished evidence (e.g. primary studies, evaluations, policy documents).

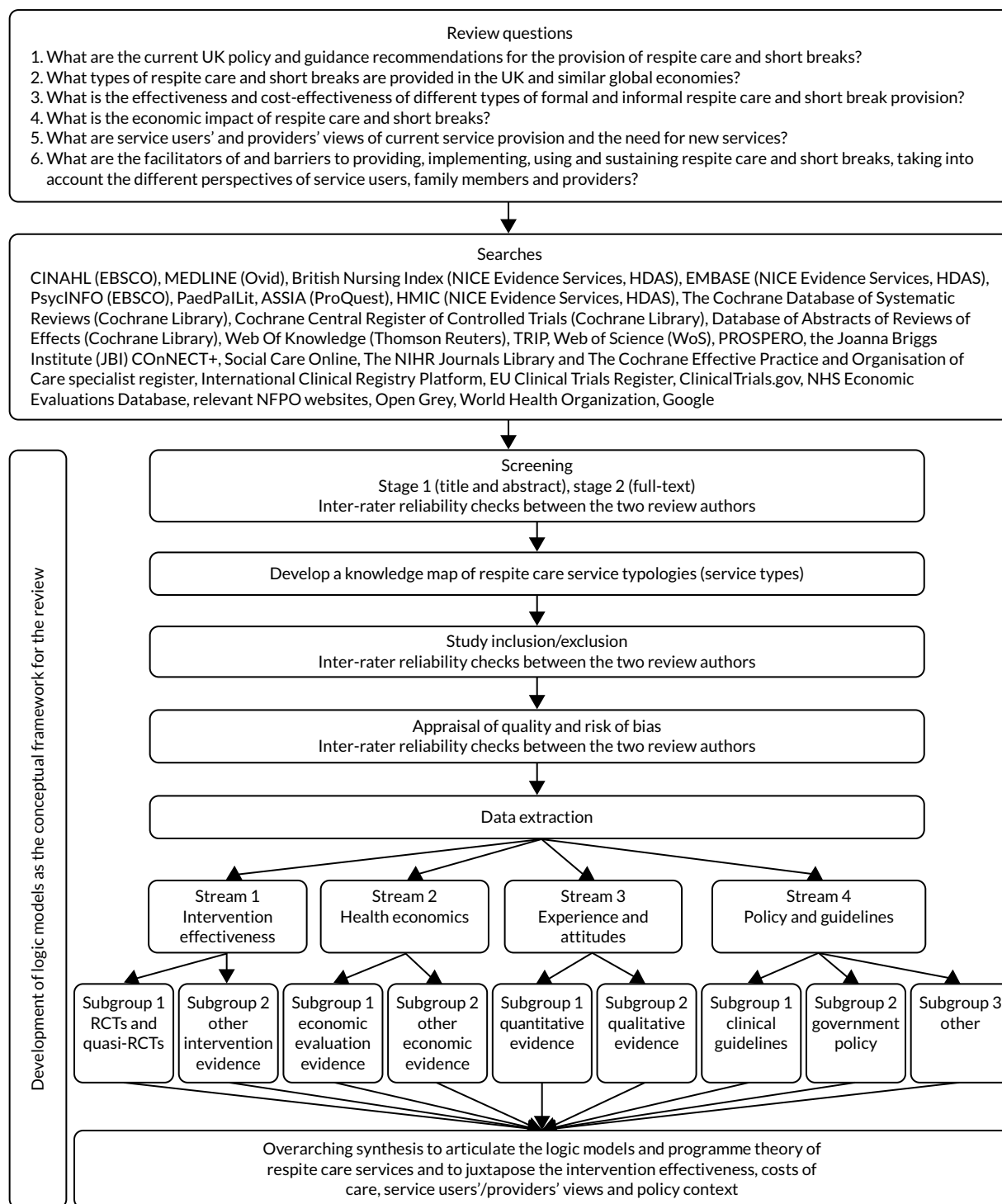


FIGURE 2 Mixed-method systematic review flow chart.

The search strategy was informed by the complexity of the SPICE framework and the need to identify all data from a diverse range of sources.⁴⁷ To minimise missing evidence, our overall strategy was to maximise sensitivity of the searches.

We developed an exploratory search using the MEDLINE database. The investigative team and SG identified an initial set of keywords to inform the search strategy and discussed the search structure. The review team also identified a set of key relevant studies and the full text of these studies was analysed to identify additional relevant keywords. The information specialist mapped the keywords to relevant thesaurus terms in MEDLINE. Analysis of the MEDLINE records of key relevant studies identified additional relevant thesaurus terms.

TABLE 1 SPICE inclusion and exclusion criteria

Criterion	Inclusion	Exclusion
Setting	Services and providers of formal respite care and short breaks, including hospices, residential care homes, adult day services, individual providers and paid carers/family carers working within young adults' home settings, and informal care from unpaid family members	Services and providers of care other than respite care and short breaks Services specifically commissioned for young adults with a learning disability or mental health needs
Perspective	Young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability receiving respite care and/or short breaks, and their parents, families, carers and/or those involved in the commissioning or delivery of their care	Young people aged < 18 years or people aged > 40 years Young adults who do not require respite care/short breaks
Intervention/phenomenon of interest	Formal (paid) and informal (unpaid) respite care/short breaks in relation to intervention effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, stakeholder experience and attitudes, UK policy and guidance	Care other than respite care and short breaks
Comparison	Any type of formal and informal respite care/short break	Care other than respite care and short breaks
Evaluation	Evidence from 1 January 2002 to 18 September 2019 from the 35 OECD countries will be included Intervention effectiveness: any quantitative service user, family, carer and service provider outcomes, such as quality of life, well-being, health impact, stress and coping, family cohesion or satisfaction with care Cost-effectiveness: information on the costs and economic impact of care, such as incremental cost per QALY, cost per admission avoided, staff costs, equipment and transport Experience and attitudes: qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods information, such as concepts and themes arising from recognised methods (e.g. grounded theory analysis, thematic analysis, framework analysis), surveys or reports that capture attitudes, beliefs, preferences and opinions on the provision of respite care Policy and guidelines: recommendations, directives, actions or anticipated outcomes identified in UK policy statements or guidelines	Streams 1 and 2: outcomes unrelated to effectiveness, experience or economic evidence Stream 3 (experience and attitudes): unconfirmed reports and anecdotal opinion (e.g. newspapers, social media, online blogs) Stream 4: non-UK policy or guidelines

OECD, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; QALY, quality-adjusted life-year.

We conducted a sensitivity analysis on the search strategy by comparing the retrieval of different search techniques (e.g. proximity operators, phrase searching and field searching) to develop a search strategy that ensured the retrieval of all key relevant studies. The final version of the exploratory search was adapted for other search sources (see *Appendix 1*).

We limited the search to evidence available from January 2002 onwards because of significant changes in service demand [including an increase by 45% over the past decade to 1 in 10,¹ changes in the law (e.g. *Children and Families Act 2014*,⁴² *Care Act 2014*⁴³) and new policy/guidance documents published during the last 17 years]. As the review is specifically concerned with the provision of respite care or short breaks in the UK, we also limited the search to the 35 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries considered comparable, except for evidence relating to stream 4 (policy and guidelines), which focused entirely on domestic policy.

METHODS

We searched the following sources from 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018: Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) (EBSCOhost), MEDLINE (Ovid), British Nursing Index (NICE Evidence Services, Healthcare Databases Advanced Search), EMBASE (NICE Evidence Services, Healthcare Databases Advanced Search), PsycINFO (EBSCOhost), Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts (ASSIA) (ProQuest), Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC) (NICE Evidence Services, Healthcare Databases Advanced Search), the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (The Cochrane Library), Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (to 31 March 2015) (Archived by Centre for Reviews and Dissemination), Web Of Science (Thomson Reuters), Trip, PROSPERO, Joanna Briggs Institute Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports (Wolters Kluwer), Social Care Online and the National Institute for Health Research Journals Library.

To further identify evidence for each specific stream, the strategy was adapted and applied to the following databases:

- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (The Cochrane Library), International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (URL: <http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/>), EU Clinical Trials Register (URL: www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/ctr-search/search) and ClinicalTrials.gov (URL: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/>).
- NHS Economic Evaluations Database and Health Technology Assessments (Centre for Reviews and Dissemination).

Additional evidence was identified through internet searches (Google and Google Scholar, Google Inc., Mountain View, CA, USA), relevant NFPO websites, hand-searching and consultation with the SG and PAG.

We also searched the *International Journal of Paediatric Palliative Care* (URL: www.worldcat.org/title/paedpallit-the-international-journal-of-paediatric-palliative-care/) for relevant evidence. All searches were updated in February 2019 and September 2019. For the update run on 18 September 2019, we modified the full search strategy to improve specificity by eliminating redundant terms (see *Appendix 2*). Sensitivity and specificity of the modified strategy was validated by comparing the new and existing strategies for the update in MEDLINE. Results screened by two reviewers confirmed the same list of included items and the modified strategy was therefore implemented across all databases for the full update search.

Grey and unpublished literature

Results from scoping searches suggested that relevant information was likely to be found within the grey literature (e.g. central and local government evaluations and impact assessments, or unpublished data produced by third-sector organisations). We conducted a broad search for grey and unpublished literature via Open Grey (formerly System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe, URL: www.opengrey.eu/), Grey Literature Report (URL: www.greylit.org), the World Health Organization (URL: www.who.int/en/) and Google. In addition, we:

- asked SG and PAG members to identify relevant known literature
- asked SG and PAG members to identify topic experts, useful websites and organisations to contact (see *Appendix 3*)
- scanned relevant websites for potentially relevant literature
- targeted topic experts, stakeholders and service providers through a 'call for evidence', which was shared through networks, direct e-mails and social media.

In addition to examining the reference lists of included evidence identified through database searching, a purposive and iterative approach to searching the literature was undertaken. The CLUSTER (Citations, Lead authors, Unpublished materials, Scholar search, Theories, Early examples, Related projects)⁴⁸

approach aims to identify additional relevant outputs that may include a 'sibling' paper (i.e. papers from the same study, for example qualitative studies, economic evaluations or process evaluations associated with a randomised controlled trial) or 'kinship' studies that inform relevant theoretical or contextual elements. *Table 2* shows the key details of this approach, which emphasised the need to adopt multiple search techniques (e.g. citation searching, 'key pearl' searching, ancestral searching) to supplement and enhance the main search, and to ensure identification of relevant evidence and grey literature. It aims to identify additional material associated with a study of interest, rather than those simply using the same terminology, therefore overcoming the limitation of selected terminology common to most search strategies.

Where possible, we implemented search alerts in source databases to identify additional relevant studies as the review progressed. Results from the searches of multiple electronic databases and other sources were combined and de-duplicated using EndNote reference management software [Clarivate Analytics, Philadelphia, PA, USA; URL: <https://endnote.com> (accessed 9 December 2020)] and then entered into Covidence, a web-based systematic review management platform [Veritas Health Innovation, Melbourne, VIC, Australia; URL: www.covidence.org (accessed 8 December 2020)]. The use of a single comprehensive search strategy enabled identification of all potential evidence for the knowledge map and review streams. Included sources were then filtered into the appropriate review stage and review stream.

TABLE 2 The CLUSTER approach

Element	Search procedure	Source
Citations	Identify at least one 'key pearl' through consensus with review team	Preliminary searches of databases and grey literature
Lead authors	Check reference list of 'key pearl' and conduct lead author search	Full text of 'key pearl', search of reference management collection, Google (e.g. institutional repository, author publication web page)
Unpublished materials	Make contact with lead author	E-mail
Scholar searches	Citation searches on 'key pearl' and other relevant studies and conduct search of 'project name'	Web of Science/Google Scholar
Theories	Follow up 'key pearl' and other cluster documents for citations of theory. Recheck for mention of theory in titles/abstracts/keywords and conduct iterative searches for theory in combination with condition of interest	Full text of 'key pearl', search of reference management collection and databases
Early examples	Follow up 'key pearl' citation and other cluster documents for citations to project antecedents and related projects	Full text of 'key pearl'
Related projects	Conduct named project and citation searches for relevant projects identified from cluster documents, seek cross-case comparisons by combining project name/identifier for cluster with project name/identifiers for other relevant projects	Web of Science/Google Scholar, databases

Evidence selection

Multiple reviewers (MOB, LB, BJ, BR and JD) independently screened titles and abstracts for eligibility against review selection criteria for stage 1 (knowledge map) and/or stage 2 (evidence review). Additional reviewers (GP and KK) independently verified eligible evidence. The full texts of eligible records were retrieved and screened for inclusion in the review by multiple reviewers and independently verified as before. Reasons for exclusion of full-text records were recorded. Disagreements were resolved through discussion and consultation with separate reviewers (SS and JN), where necessary. We coded multiple publications from individual studies using a single core reference and source identifier. Owing to the high volume of search results and the need to streamline review processes, the selection of evidence for stages 1 and 2 of the review was undertaken concurrently (sequential stage 1 and 2 selection was planned in the review protocol).

Stage 1: knowledge map methods

One of the key review objectives was to identify and characterise the different types of formal and informal respite care and short break services provided for young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability. The criteria for inclusion in the stage 1 knowledge map were less restrictive than selection criteria for inclusion in the evidence review because we were looking for examples of these services (Table 3). To enable inclusion of relevant respite services for our target population, evidence was included if it met the following three criteria: (1) it broadly met the perspective (population) element of the SPICE criteria; (2) it broadly met the intervention (respite care/short breaks) element of the SPICE criteria (see Table 1) and (3) it provided a sufficiently detailed specification of service provision to inform the stage 1 knowledge map. Evidence that did not provide a sufficiently detailed description of services to be included in stage 1 may nevertheless have met the following full SPICE criteria for stage 2.

This process presented some challenges because of the complexity of commissioned services. Many respite services are commissioned for people with a range of different needs and the population mix therefore includes people with other needs as well as our target population. To maximise sensitivity of the stage 1 search and to avoid missing relevant services, we retained a very broad selection strategy at this stage. Mixed populations were included when young adults aged 18–40 years were clearly part of the wider population. Similarly, services provided for populations with a range of needs were also included, providing that young adults with complex health-care needs were part of the wider service population. However, the review focuses on the provision of respite care for young people with complex health-care needs and evidence about services for people with solely educational or social care needs were therefore excluded.

TABLE 3 Subset of SPICE selection criteria used for the knowledge map

Criterion	Inclusion	Exclusion
Perspective	Young adults (aged 18–40 years) with complex health-care needs due to a LLC or complex physical disability (including those where no upper age limit is stated)	Young people aged < 18 years or people aged > 40 years Young adults who do not require respite care/short breaks
Intervention/phenomenon of interest	Any type of evidence about respite care/short breaks in any setting	Care other than respite care and short breaks Services specifically commissioned for young adults with learning disability or mental health needs

The following information from evidence included in the stage 1 knowledge map (where available) was extracted and logged:

- evidence bibliographic details
- location (setting)
- description of the intervention guided by the TIDieR (Template for Intervention Description and Replication) checklist⁴⁹
- information on service delivery processes required for programme theory and logic models.

Using preliminary categories published in the protocol as a starting point, and considering the population, timing, location and level of care provision, the evidence was used to categorise distinct service types that were validated following consultation from our PAG and the review SG.

Development of logic models

The information extracted from each item of evidence was synthesised to create a profile of each service type. The profiles catalogue the service aims and objectives, eligibility criteria, delivery components, implementation resources, user expectations and intended outcomes for various stakeholders. Some aspects of service specification, such as implementation resources and user expectations, had to be inferred because of a lack of information and this is noted in footnotes of the logic models, where appropriate.

The logic models evolved throughout the stage 1 knowledge map, the stage 2 evidence synthesis and the overarching synthesis. We developed logic models for the different types of respite care using Cochrane guidance⁵⁰ and examples of good practice.^{51,52} The logic models illustrate the programme theory for each type of respite care/short breaks service. Each model encapsulates the intended service aims, how the service is intended to work and for whom, the potential resources needed to deliver the service, and the anticipated outcomes and outputs from the service (i.e. how the services are conceptually designed to work). The models were continually updated and the completed logic models for each type of respite service were independently validated by the PAG and SG (see *Appendices 8–20*).

Stage 2: evidence review methods

Evidence was included in the stage 2 evidence synthesis only if it met all of the SPICE study selection criteria (see *Table 1*). This necessarily meant that some evidence was included in only one of the stages. The evidence included at each stage is reported in the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) flow diagram (see *Figure 3*). Sources included in stage 2 were categorised as one of the following four streams of evidence.

Evidence stream 1: intervention effectiveness (review question 3)

Quantitative evidence of the effectiveness of the intervention (i.e. respite care and short breaks), such as randomised, quasi-randomised controlled trials, before-and-after studies, observational cohort studies or other types of quantitative evidence of effectiveness.

Evidence stream 2: health economics (review questions 3 and 4)

Quantitative evidence relating to health economics, such as economic evaluations (e.g. cost–utility and cost-effectiveness analyses), reports of care costs and other economic evidence (e.g. cost of illness or burden of disease studies).

Evidence stream 3: experience and attitudes (review questions 2, 5 and 6)

Qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods evidence exploring experience and attitudes relating to the provision of respite care or short breaks. Studies using recognised methods of data collection and analysis, such as surveys, interviews, focus groups, observational techniques, case studies, process and realist evaluations, and studies that include independent or components of a mixed-methods design.

Evidence stream 4: UK policy and guidelines (review question 1)

All relevant current UK government policy, clinical guidelines and NFPO literature.

Data extraction

Bespoke extraction forms were developed for each evidence stream, tailored to the type of evidence and the underlying review question. Where it was available, we extracted the following information on study characteristics and their results:

- publication characteristics [e.g. type (peer reviewed), year, country of data collection, dates of study data collection, publication language, source of study funding]
- aims, objectives and target audience (policy)
- methods (e.g. study design, recruitment/selection, data collection methods, methods of analysis)
- participant characteristics [e.g. type of complex health-care needs and/or carers, study inclusion/exclusion criteria, age (mean, range), sex proportion, ethnicity, number in each study group, baseline characteristics]
- intervention characteristics (e.g. type of service, setting, duration of care)
- a description of all outcomes, measurement frequency, duration of follow-up and results reported in any format
- the authors interpretations/conclusions
- study limitations.

Data were extracted by one reviewer from the team assigned to each stream (GP, LB, MOB, BJ, JD, JN or BR) and accuracy was independently verified by a second reviewer (KK, GP or CM). Disagreements were resolved through consensus or by a third reviewer allocated to each stream by expertise (SS, BR, JN or CM). Data from sources with multiple publications were extracted and reported using the core reference as a source identifier.

Knowledge map: evidence matrix

We categorised each item of evidence by type of respite care or short break (identified in stage 1) and one of the four types of evidence stream to create an evidence matrix. The nature, quantity and quality of evidence was summarised and reported for each evidence stream and for each type of respite care/short breaks service (see *Appendix 23*). The matrix template was included in the review protocol.⁴⁴

Quality assessment strategy

The methodological limitations of included evidence were assessed by two reviewers (GP and KK) and disagreements resolved through consensus or by a third reviewer (JN or SS). No evidence was excluded on the basis of methodological strengths and limitations. However, design limitations were taken into account during synthesis and are included in the discussion.

No studies were identified for streams 1 or 2, but the intended quality assessment methods are described in the published protocol.⁴⁴

We used the CASP (Critical Appraisal Skills Programme)⁵³ appraisal tool to assess the methodological limitations of the qualitative studies included in stream 3. We did not use other appraisal tools described in the protocol, for example the Mixed Method Appraisal Tool for mixed-methods studies, as they were not applicable to any of the included evidence.

For stream 4, we intended to use the AGREE II (Appraisal of Guidelines, REsearch and Evaluation Version II) instrument to assess quality, but we did not identify any relevant practice guidelines. The quality of law and policy documents was not appraised.

Methods of data synthesis

Detailed methods are provided for streams 3 and 4, as no evidence was identified for inclusion in streams 1 and 2. Planned methods for all evidence streams are in the published protocol.⁴⁴ For reference, a detailed model of the review design and planned evidence syntheses are in *Appendix 4*.

Evidence stream 3: experience and attitudes

Framework synthesis was used to translate evidence from qualitative studies. Drawing on the planned review questions in the protocol and the logic models created in stage 1 of the review, we developed an iterative coding framework for the qualitative evidence (see *Appendix 5*). Each source was independently coded by two reviewers (LB, MOB, BJ or GP). Disagreements were resolved through consensus or by a third reviewer (KK). Evidence contributing to each code was collated and synthesised. The emergent themes are reported narratively and supported by tabulated summary of the evidence for each respite care type in the evidence matrix (see *Appendix 23*).

Evidence stream 4: UK policy and guidelines

We conducted content analysis of the evidence from UK policy using a documentary analysis informed approach⁵⁴ to tabulate the evidence, based on an iterative coding framework (KK and GP). The content of each document was analysed using the eight-step process recommended for textual analysis.⁵⁵ This approach is an efficient and effective way of gathering, extracting and synthesising data from documents.

Overall synthesis

We planned to use the framework method for overall synthesis, advocated by the Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre.^{56,57} The team planned to conduct within-service type and evidence stream integration of qualitative and quantitative data⁵⁷ by juxtaposing evidence in an a priori framework, based on the review questions and policy intentions, and moving on to develop themes and subthemes to support further elicitation of the programme theory (i.e. types of service) and outcomes (i.e. benefits and harms), leading to further development and refinement of the logic models. Team members with expertise in quantitative and qualitative analysis and synthesis were assigned to each stream to ensure appropriate skills for synthesis of mixed-methods evidence. Arbitrators were also assigned to each evidence stream to mediate disagreements and uncertainties. However, as we did not identify any quantitative or mixed-methods evidence, the qualitative findings are reported according to each relevant review question [see *Chapter 6, Experience and attitudes (evidence stream 3)*]. This is supported by the evidence matrix described above (see *Knowledge map: evidence matrix*). Findings were then used to further develop the logical models as the overarching integration framework.

Overall assessment of the evidence

We used GRADE-CERQual (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation-Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative research) to assess the overall confidence of the synthesised qualitative findings against four domains: (1) methodological limitations, (2) relevance of evidence to the review question, (3) coherence of the finding and (4) adequacy of data supporting the finding.⁵⁸ Two reviewers from the team (KK and JN) independently made an overall assessment using the aforementioned domains to assign a level of confidence for each synthesised qualitative finding:

- high confidence (i.e. it is highly likely that the finding is a reasonable representation of the phenomenon of interest)
- moderate confidence (i.e. it is likely that the finding is a reasonable representation of the phenomenon of interest)
- low confidence (i.e. it is possible that the finding is a reasonable representation of the phenomenon of interest)
- very low confidence (i.e. it is not clear whether the finding is a reasonable representation of the phenomenon of interest).

Table 4 provides a GRADE-CERQual qualitative evidence profile.

TABLE 4 GRADE-CERQual summary of qualitative findings

Review finding	GRADE-CERQual assessment of confidence in the evidence	Explanation of GRADE-CERQual assessment	Studies contributing to the review finding
Respite services facilitated the development of independence and empowerment of young adults through opportunities to make choices and engage in a range of different activities, share their views to plan and develop services, and spend time away from parents	High confidence	No concerns, all perspectives included	Five sources ⁵⁹⁻⁶³
A significant benefit of respite services was the opportunity for young adults to socialise with peers and to interact with different staff to prevent isolation, create a sense of camaraderie with others who faced similar challenges and to allow engagement in activities they may not be able to access at home	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations. No concerns for relevance or adequacy. All perspectives included	Five sources ^{59,62,64-66}
Respite care provided a sense of hope and lifted the spirits of young adults by fostering a sense of belonging where people did not feel defined by their disability or health condition	Low confidence	Only two sources. Moderate concerns for methodological limitations, coherence and relevance. No parent and service-provider perspective	Two sources ^{62,65}
Respite care provided parents with time to themselves to rest, recuperate and engage in personal hobbies or interests while having a break from their 24/7 caring responsibilities, which reduced their physical and psychological strain	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations, coherence and adequacy. No concerns for relevance. No service-provider perspective	Nine sources ^{59,61,62,65-70}
Respite care is a support mechanism for parents and the wider family, helping to re-establish family cohesion through time with partners and other children, which builds resilience for the family to continue with the demands of providing care	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations. No concerns for coherence, adequacy or relevance. No service-provider perspective	Five sources ^{27,60,61,71,72}
Practical barriers to accessing respite care were identified, including volume and complexity of paperwork; delay between referral and service provision; the distance between home and the service; limited access to condition-specific services; lack of physical space for equipment in the available setting; lack of appropriately trained staff and limited inclusion of BAME populations	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations, coherence and adequacy. No concerns for relevance. No young adult perspective	Seven sources ^{27,35,59,61,65,67,71}

TABLE 4 GRADE-CERQual summary of qualitative findings (continued)

Review finding	GRADE-CERQual assessment of confidence in the evidence	Explanation of GRADE-CERQual assessment	Studies contributing to the review finding
Barriers to respite care from both the 'anticipated' loss of services during transition planning and 'actual' loss of services were identified because of the lack of age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate adult services, and the lack of a knowledgeable and experienced staff to provide safe care for young adults with complex health-care needs. Despite the anticipated increase in service demand as both young adult service users and their parents age, there is a lack of suitable alternatives for planned and emergency respite, which could result in a range of potential harms for young adults, parents and the wider family, and for service providers supporting young adults through transition	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations. No concerns for coherence, adequacy or relevance. All perspectives included	12 sources ^{22,27,35,59,61,63,64,67,73-76}
Trusted relationships between young adults, their parents and providers is an essential element of an acceptable respite service. This trust was underpinned by confidence in appropriately trained staff, providing safe care to the young adults and enabling young adults' decision-making, which enriched their experience of the service. Lack of trust and confidence would result in poor uptake of services	High confidence	No concerns, all perspectives included	Nine sources ^{27,59-64,69,73}
Respite care is viewed as acceptable by young adults, parents and providers when services offer a degree of flexibility and adaptability to the individual needs and wishes of the young adult and parents, including the types of respite accessed and the choice and control of activities engaged in. Parents also expressed a preference for flexibility in their dealings with the services rather than rigid timetables	Moderate confidence	Moderate concerns for methodological limitation. Minor concerns for coherence. No concerns for adequacy or relevance. All perspectives included	Six sources ^{35,61,63,65,67,73}
The lack of appropriate respite care services for young adults was identified across the evidence. All stakeholders acknowledged that for services to be acceptable and improve outcomes for young adults, they should be designed and developed with young adults' interests, life course stage and needs in mind. Young adults valued spending	High confidence	Minor concerns for methodological limitations and coherence. No concerns for adequacy or relevance. All perspectives included	10 sources ^{27,35,61-65,67,73,76}

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TABLE 4 GRADE-CERQual summary of qualitative findings (continued)

Review finding	GRADE-CERQual assessment of confidence in the evidence	Explanation of GRADE-CERQual assessment	Studies contributing to the review finding
time with peers and wanted staff to be of a similar age and sex to themselves. Respite care in residential homes for the elderly or adult hospices where activities did not align with the young adult's interests or preferences was viewed as unacceptable. Involving young adults and parents in the development or planning of services was encouraged to improve the acceptability of the service to its users			
The need for appropriately trained and experienced staff is acknowledged as a vital resource for the implementation and delivery of safe respite care services for young adults, and for their care to be considered comparable to the standard of care at children's hospices	High confidence	No concerns, all perspectives included	Four sources ^{60,61,64,75}
Funding, commissioning and capacity issues were identified as the key barriers to the development and provision of appropriate respite services for young adults. Providers spoke of inequalities in the funding and commissioning of services across the life span due to inconsistencies between requirements to pay for respite care in children and adult hospices in the third sector, and lack of understanding of the commissioning process among some providers that required encouragement to meet their assessment duties. The challenges of commissioning and delivering services were perceived to be exacerbated by the low volume but high cost of care for this population. Children and adult hospices lack the funding and capacity to provide all the care needed, requiring partnership working and funding with statutory and NHS support to meet current and future need. Parents felt under pressure to agree to short breaks that cost much less than those provided by services for those with individual care packages and continuing health-care funding	High confidence	No concerns. No young adult perspectives	Six sources ^{35,59,61,62,67,76}
24/7, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; BAME, black, Asian and minority ethnic.			

The role of the Steering Group

The SG comprised individuals with an in-depth knowledge of care for young adults with complex health-care needs or the provision of respite care/short breaks, for example those with professional roles in commissioning or delivering services, clinical experts, and parent and young adult representatives from the PAG. The SG was chaired by the review manager (KK) and a young adult from the PAG. The group contributed to the review process electronically and met on four occasions to advise the review team on all aspects of the systematic review, including the scope of the searches, interpretation of results and dissemination of the research findings. The group specifically contributed to the following:

- Development of the protocol (i.e. clarification of concepts and definitions, particularly in relation to inclusion criteria).
- Identification of unpublished evidence.
- Identification of ongoing and arising issues relevant to the review (e.g. current service provision, changes to local or national policies or best practice).
- Summary of implications of the review findings, particularly in terms of service delivery or policy.
- Validation of the knowledge map.
- Validation of the logic models as the conceptual framework.
- Review of drafts of the final report.
- Planning and dissemination of the review findings to relevant audiences.

The role of the Patient and Public Advisory Group

The PAG comprised individuals who represented young people with complex health-care needs, carers and parents/guardians. A young adult and a parent from the initial PAG for the funding application remained involved throughout the study. Other original members of the PAG withdrew because of changes in health or life circumstances. Recruitment of additional members of the PAG through social media and our networks initially proved challenging. Some potential participants commented that they were not attracted to systematic reviews, while others were interested but were not able to participate owing to competing demands on their time or deterioration in the health status of the young adult. We continued to recruit members during the study, including for the development of a film and other media outputs, which was more successful in attracting young adults. During the study, five young adults, two parents and four carers were involved in the PAG.

We adopted an inclusive and flexible approach to working with members of the PAG in an effort to overcome challenges in meeting at a mutually agreed time and location. This included working together via telephone, Skype™ (Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA, USA) or e-mail to suit individual preferences and the needs of members for whom travel was challenging because of their complex health conditions. All PAG members received ongoing support and guidance throughout the study. A parent and young adult were members of the SG and attended meetings to enable representation and appropriate feedback between the two groups. There were between three and eight contacts with each member of the group, depending on their preferred level of involvement and length of time with the study. Some members engaged individually via telephone or Skype, some attended up to four meetings at the university and others took a combined approach, depending on the weather and their health. All members of the group said that they felt that their contribution to the study was meaningful and that they had enjoyed being part of the study.

The aim of the PAG was to ensure that the experiences of service users was included in the review processes. The PAG was invited to contribute to the following activities at appropriate points during the study:

- finalising the protocol (e.g. clarifying concepts and definitions, co-writing the *Plain English summary*)
- identifying unpublished evidence

- identifying ongoing and arising issues relevant to the review (e.g. current service provision, changes to local or national policies or best practice)
- interpreting the review findings
- validating the knowledge map
- validating the logic models as the conceptual framework
- reviewing drafts of the final report
- planning and developing materials to raise awareness of the review (e.g. audio clips, 'talking head' video clips, blogs, a short film).

Members of the PAG will continue to be involved in the dissemination of the review findings to relevant audiences, including 'talking heads' video clips and co-presenting at future conferences or regional events to share findings. A film workshop was held in December 2019 to plan the structure of the film and record 'talking head' videos of the young adults' experience and why they feel respite care is important. A second workshop was planned to record 'talking heads' and plan an animation of the findings at the university; however, because of the coronavirus pandemic, this work was placed on hold and is now being arranged to take place remotely, when group members are available. The media outputs are planned for release in April 2021. All dissemination materials will be made available on the study website and social media, and will be included in any conference presentations.

Both the SG and PAG were vitally important in providing context from their lived experience of using and providing respite services during the study. This was particularly key when the knowledge map categories and types of respite care needed to be validated. It was reassuring that the types of respite care identified and the growth of certain types, such as the social activities, was reflected in the experience of our members. Their experience also supported and validated the themes identified in the qualitative evidence, particularly where there were areas of overlap or uncertainty about aspects of the provision. The views and experience of the SG and PAG members also enhanced the development of the recommendations for research, policy and practice to ensure that they are appropriate and will support the development of knowledge and the necessary service provision.

Summary of deviations from the protocol

We intended to conduct stages 1 and 2 sequentially but because of the volume of search results, and to improve efficiency, these stages were run concurrently.

We conducted two updates of the study searches, which used a modified version of the original search to improve sensitivity and specificity.

Owing to the nature of the evidence included in the review, some planned processes were not required. These instances are described in the relevant sections of the report.

Chapter 4 Search results

To support the transparent reporting of review methods, we have included an annotated PRISMA checklist.⁷⁷ A systematic search conducted in 2018 identified 126,267 records that, following de-duplication, resulted in 77,339 unique records that were entered into Covidence. Of these records, we considered 76,092 irrelevant following inspection of their titles and abstracts. The full texts for the remaining 1247 records were obtained and scrutinised for selection.

We formally excluded 1180 records, which are listed by exclusion category in *Appendix 6*. We excluded 530 records that did not include our review population, 374 records that did not relate to respite care or short breaks (i.e. the phenomena of interest), 12 records where there was insufficient information for selection, 84 unconfirmed reports or anecdotal opinions, two records not published in OECD countries, 52 duplicate records and 125 records for which the full text was unobtainable.

The remaining 67 records were selected for inclusion. We identified a further 8699 records following updated searches in February and September 2019 and four of these were selected for inclusion. A further eight records were included following CLUSTER searching ($n = 4$) and searches of reference lists ($n = 4$). A total of 78 unique records relating to 69 sources were selected for inclusion in the stage 1 knowledge map and/or the stage 2 evidence review.^{22,26,27,30,35,41,59–76,78–131} The selection process is summarised in a flow diagram (*Figure 3*).

It is important to note that some sources are included in the knowledge map only, some in the evidence review only and some records were included in both. Brief reasons for exclusion from stages 1 or 2 are listed in *Figure 3*. Details of the records contributing to stages 1 and 2 are listed in *Table 5*.

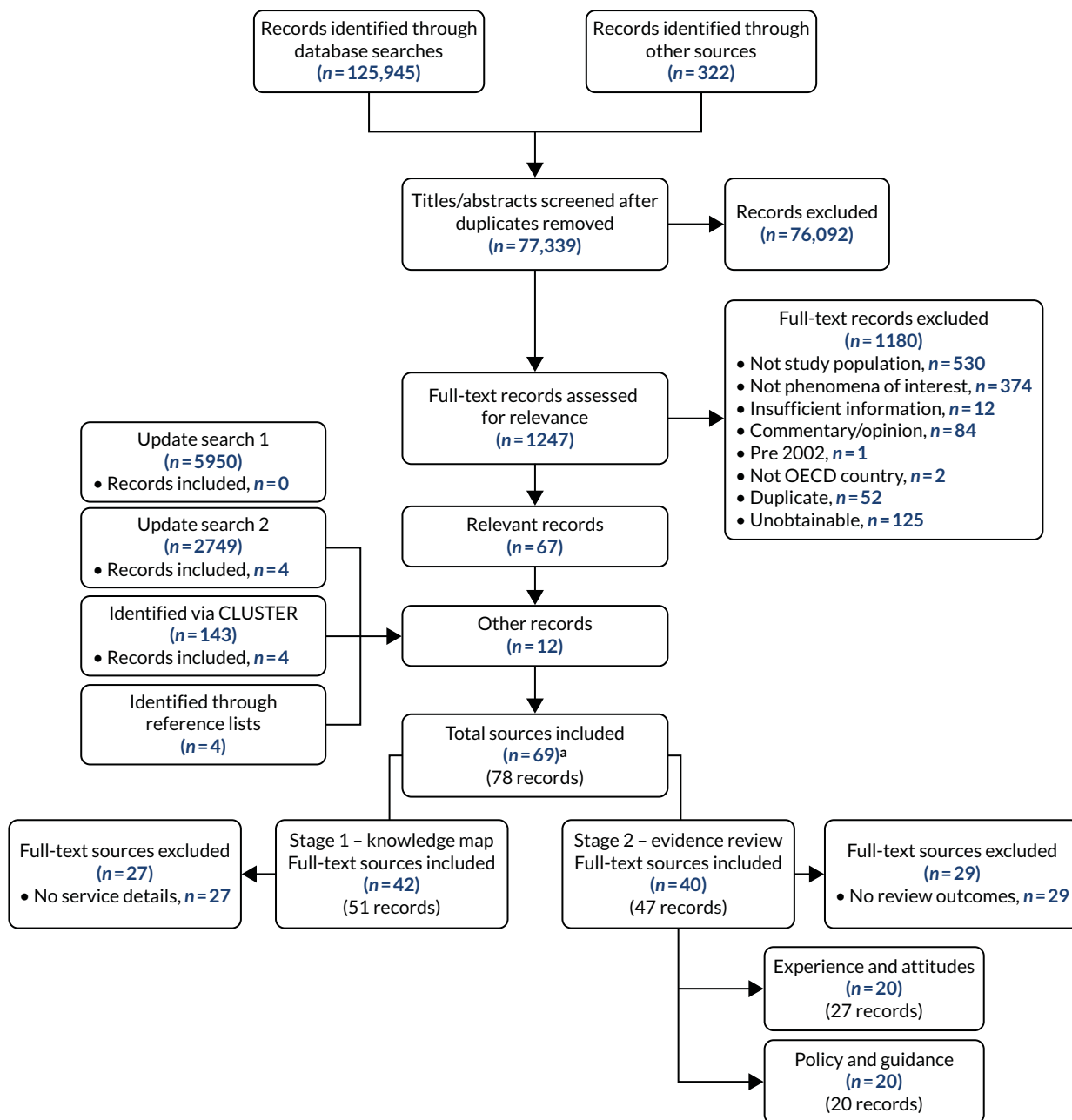


FIGURE 3 A PRISMA flow diagram. a, Some sources are included in only the knowledge map or the evidence review and some are included in both.

TABLE 5 Sources included in knowledge map and evidence review

Source	Title	Knowledge map (n = 51 records from 42 sources)	Experience and attitudes (n = 27 records from 20 sources)	Policy and guidance (n = 20 sources)
Abbott and Carpenter ⁷³	<i>Becoming an Adult. Transition for Young Men with Muscular Dystrophy</i>	No	Yes	No
Arnold and Godwin ⁷⁸	<i>The Shakespeare Hospice Transitional Care Service Innovation in Practice</i>	Yes	No	No
The Asian Health Agency ⁷⁹	<i>Ashra Carers Project: Children & Young People with Special Needs</i>	Yes	No	No
Barnet Country Council ⁸⁰	<i>Barnet Short Breaks Duty Statement 2017/2018</i>	Yes	No	No
Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³	<i>My Life: Growing Up and Living with Ataxia-Telangiectasia: Young People's and Young Adults' Experiences</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Bishop ⁸¹	<i>Making The Most Of Life</i>	Yes	No	No
Bona <i>et al.</i> ⁸²	<i>Massachusetts' Pediatric Palliative Care Network: Successful Implementation of a Novel State-Funded Pediatric Palliative Care Program</i>	Yes	No	No
Brighton and Hove City Council ⁸³	<i>Brighton & Hove City Council Short Breaks Statement 2017-18</i>	Yes	No	No
Brook ⁸⁴	<i>Jacksplace - A Hospice Dedicated to Teenagers and Young Adults in Hampshire</i>	Yes	No	No
Care Quality Commission ⁸⁵	<i>Claire House Children's Hospice Inspection Report</i>	Yes	No	No
Care Quality Commission ⁸⁷	<i>Francis House Children's Hospice Inspection Report</i>	Yes	No	No
Claire House Children's Hospice ⁸⁶	<i>Claire House Children's Hospice Local Offer Statement</i>	Yes	No	No
Dawson and Liddicoat ⁶²	<i>'Camp Gives Me Hope': Exploring the Therapeutic Use of Community for Adults with Cerebral Palsy</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Department of Education and Skills and DHSC ⁸⁹	<i>Commissioning Children and Young People's Palliative Care Services: A Practical Guide for the NHS Commissioners</i>	No	No	Yes
DHSC ⁹⁰	<i>Carers and Disabled Children Combined Policy Guidance Act 2000 and Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004</i>	No	No	Yes
Department for Children, Schools and Families and DHSC ⁹¹	<i>Aiming High for Disabled Children: Short Break Implementation Guidance</i>	No	No	Yes
DHSC ²⁶	<i>Better Care, Better Lives. Improving Outcomes for Children Young People and Their Families Living with Life-Limiting and Life-Threatening Conditions</i>	No	No	Yes

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TABLE 5 Sources included in knowledge map and evidence review (continued)

Source	Title	Knowledge map (n = 51 records from 42 sources)	Experience and attitudes (n = 27 records from 20 sources)	Policy and guidance (n = 20 sources)
Department for Education ⁹²	<i>The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011</i>	No	No	Yes
Department for Education and DHSC ⁸⁸	<i>Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years</i>	No	No	Yes
DHSC ⁹³	<i>Care Act 2014 – Care and Support Statutory Guidance</i>	No	No	Yes
East Anglia Children's Palliative Care Managed Clinical Network ⁹⁴	<i>The East of England Children and Young People's Palliative Care Service Directory</i>	Yes	No	No
^a Gans et al. ⁹⁵	<i>Impact of a Pediatric Palliative Care Program on the Caregiver Experience</i>	Yes	No	No
Gans et al. ⁹⁶	<i>Better Outcomes, Lower Costs: Palliative Care Program Reduces Stress, Costs of Care for Children with Life-Threatening Conditions</i>	Yes	No	No
Grinyer et al. ⁷¹	<i>Issues of Power, Control and Choice in Children's Hospice Respite Care Services: A Qualitative Study</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Hanrahan ⁹⁷	<i>A Host of Opportunities: Second NSN Survey of Family Based Short Break Schemes for Children and Adults with Intellectual and Other Disabilities in the Republic of Ireland</i>	Yes	No	No
Health Information and Quality Authority ⁹⁸	<i>Draft National Standards for Residential Centres for People with Disabilities (Consultation Document)</i>	No	No	Yes
HM Treasury 2007 ⁹⁹	<i>Aiming High for Disabled Children: Better Support for Families</i>	No	No	Yes
Hutcheson et al. ⁵⁹	<i>Evaluation of a Pilot Service to Help Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions Transition From Children's Palliative Care Services</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Institute of Public Care and National Commissioning Board Wales ¹⁰⁰	<i>Integrated Services for Children and Young People with a Disability in Conwy. A Case Study</i>	Yes	No	No
Kerr et al. ⁷⁴	<i>A Cross-Sectional Survey of Services for Young Adults with Life-Limiting Conditions Making the Transition From Children's to Adult Services in Ireland</i>	No	Yes	No
Kirk and Fraser ²²	<i>Hospice Support and the Transition to Adult Services and Adulthood for Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions and Their Families: A Qualitative Study</i>	No	Yes	No
Knighting et al. ¹⁰¹	<i>An Evaluation of the Rachel House at Home Service for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS): Summary Public Report</i>	Yes	No	No

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^a Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷	<i>Meeting the Needs of Young Adults with Life-Limiting Conditions: A UK Survey of Current Provision and Future Challenges for Hospices</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁴¹	<i>Children and adult Hospice Provision for Young Adults with Life-Limiting Conditions: A UK Survey (Poster at Hospice UK Conference)</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Knighting <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰²	<i>Highlights From a UK Survey of Children and Adult Hospice Provision for Young Adults with life-Limiting Conditions</i>	Yes	Yes	No
^a Knighting <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰³	<i>Short Break Provision for Young Adults with Life-Limiting Conditions: A UK Survey with Young Adults and Parents</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁵	<i>Family Respite Care Survey with Young Adults and Parents: Summary Findings Report</i>	No	Yes	No
Knowsley Council ¹⁰⁴	<i>Knowsley Children and Family Services Short Breaks Statement</i>	Yes	No	No
Leason ¹⁰⁵	<i>Let's Face the Music and Dance</i>	Yes	No	No
Luzinat <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁸	<i>The Experience of a Recreational Camp for Families with a Child or Young Person with Acquired Brain Injury</i>	Yes	Yes	No
MacDonald and Greggans ⁷⁰	<i>'Cool Friends': An Evaluation of a Community Befriending Programme for Young People with Cystic Fibrosis</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Marsh <i>et al.</i> ³⁵	<i>Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions: Transition to Adulthood. 'Small Numbers, Huge Needs, Cruel and Arbitrary Division of Services'. Executive Summary of Phase 1 Report for Marie Curie Cancer Care</i>	No	Yes	No
Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰	<i>Supporting Children with Life-Limiting Conditions and Their Families – Research Examining Service Provision in Yorkshire and the Humber</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Martin House Children's Hospice ¹⁰⁶	<i>Professionals' Booklet</i>	Yes	No	No
^a Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ²⁷	<i>Short Break and Emergency Respite Care: What Options for Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions?</i>	Yes	Yes	No

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Mitchell et al. ¹⁰⁷	<i>'No Other Choice' When Children's Hospice Care is Unavailable: An Emergency Care Impact Assessment for Claire's House Children's Hospice</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Mitchell et al. ¹⁰⁸	<i>Emergency Care Impact Assessment (ECIA) project: Claire House Children's Hospice: Final Report</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Murphy and Mackay ¹⁰⁹	<i>Will Anyone Listen to Us? What Matters to Young People with Complex and Exceptional Health Needs and Their Families During Health Transitions</i>	No	Yes	No
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign ⁶⁵	<i>Give us a Break: Hospice and Respite Care for Young Disabled Adults in Scotland</i>	No	Yes	No
NICE ¹¹¹	<i>Improving Outcomes in Children and Young People with Cancer</i>	No	No	Yes
NICE ¹¹⁰	<i>Supporting Adult Carers - Draft Guidance for Consultation</i>	No	No	Yes
Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People ¹¹²	<i>Rainbows Quality Account 2017-2018</i>	Yes	No	No
Rochdale County Council ¹¹³	<i>Rochdale Short Breaks Provision for Children and Young People with Disabilities</i>	Yes	No	No
Social Care Institute for Excellence 2019 ¹¹⁴	<i>Carers' Breaks: Guidance for Commissioners and Providers</i>	No	No	Yes
Scottish Children and Young People's Palliative Care Executive Group ¹¹⁵	<i>A Framework for the Delivery of Palliative Care for Children and Young People in Scotland</i>	No	No	Yes
Scottish Government ¹¹⁶	<i>National Care Standards: Short Breaks and Respite Care Services for Adults</i>	No	No	Yes
Scottish Government ¹¹⁷	<i>Carers (Scotland) Bill 2015</i>	No	No	Yes
Scottish Government ¹¹⁸	<i>Carers (Scotland) Act 2016: Statutory Guidance</i>	No	No	Yes
Shared Care Scotland ¹¹⁹	<i>Short Break Case Studies</i>	Yes	No	No
Shared Care Scotland ¹²⁰	<i>It's About Time: An Overview of Short Break (Respite Care) Planning and Provision in Scotland</i>	Yes	No	No
Shared Care Scotland ⁷²	<i>Short Breaks Fund Evaluation of Round One Projects</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶	<i>Evaluation Report on Round Two of the Short Breaks Fund</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Shared Care Scotland ¹²¹	<i>Evaluation Report of CREATIVE breaks October 2012-September 2013</i>	Yes	No	No

TABLE 5 Sources included in knowledge map and evidence review (continued)

Source	Title	Knowledge map (n = 51 records from 42 sources)	Experience and attitudes (n = 27 records from 20 sources)	Policy and guidance (n = 20 sources)
^a St Elizabeth Hospice ¹²²	<i>Young Adult Short Break Pilot</i>	Yes	No	No
St Elizabeth Hospice ¹²³	<i>Business Care for Short Stay Unit for Young Adults</i>	Yes	No	No
St Elizabeth Hospice ¹²⁴	<i>Short Break Unit Procedure for Attending with Own Carers</i>	Yes	No	No
St Joseph's Hospice 2013 ¹²⁵	<i>St Joseph's Hospice Quality Account 2012/2013</i>	Yes	No	No
St Oswald's Hospice ¹²⁶	<i>St Oswald's Young Adult Service - Your Guide</i>	Yes	No	No
Staley ¹²⁷	<i>Having a Break: Good Practice in Short Breaks for Families with Children Who Have Complex Health Needs and Disabilities</i>	Yes	No	No
Stylianou ⁶⁹	<i>Mothers with Disabled Children in Cyprus: Experiences and Support</i>	Yes	Yes	No
TfSL ¹²⁸	<i>Jointly Commissioning Palliative Care for Children and Young People Aged 0-25 Including Short Breaks: Guide for Local Areas in England</i>	No	No	Yes
TfSL ¹²⁹	<i>Stepping Up: A Guide to Enabling a Good Transition to Adulthood for Young People with Life-Limiting and life-Threatening Conditions</i>	No	No	Yes
TfSL ³⁰	<i>Transition: A Guide for Clinical Commissioning Groups</i>	No	No	Yes
Urbanowicz <i>et al.</i> ¹³⁰	<i>Use of Equipment and Respite Services and Caregiver Health Among Australian Families Living with Rett Syndrome</i>	Yes	No	No
Welsh Government ¹³¹	<i>The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children (Wales) Regulations 2012</i>	No	No	Yes
^a Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶¹	<i>Qualitative Accounts of Young-People, Parents and Staff Involved with a Purpose-Designed, Pilot Short-Break Service for 18-24 Year Olds with Life-Limiting Conditions</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Young and Cameron ⁷⁶	<i>Living Longer Than You Thought I Would. Working with Young People with Complex Health Needs and Life-Limiting Conditions to Meet the Challenges Facing Them as They Grow into Adulthood</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁴	<i>Small Service, Big Impact. Evaluation of a New Short Break Service for Young Adults with Life Limiting Conditions at St Oswald's Hospice</i>	Yes	Yes	No

DHSC, Department of Health and Social Care.
 a Primary reference for sources with multiple publications.

Chapter 5 Stage 1: knowledge map

A total of 42 sources (51 records)^{27,41,59,60,61–64,66–72,76,78–87,94–97,100–108,112,113,119–127,130} were included in the knowledge map and the service categories are listed in *Table 5*. The knowledge map is not an exhaustive list of all services or sources of evidence about each service type. The map is a catalogue of the types of respite and short break services delivered to young adults with complex health-care needs due to LLCs and/or complex physical disability that are in the included literature and are described in sufficient detail to inform the logic models that formed the conceptual framework. Our review excluded services delivered solely to young adults with educational or social care needs, or to young people aged < 18 years.

Twenty-three sources related to services in England,^{27,60,61,64,71,78–80,83–87,94,104–106,112,113,122,125–127} seven to services in Scotland,^{66,70,72,101,119–121} two to services in Wales,^{81,100} one to services in Northern Ireland,⁵⁹ three to services in the UK,^{41,63,67} one source to services in each of the Republic of Ireland⁹⁷ and Cyprus,⁶⁹ three sources to services in the USA^{62,82,95} and two to services in Australia.^{68,130}

Twenty-five sources were classified as research studies or reports,^{27,59–63,66–72,78,82,95,97,100,101,103,119–121,127,130} nine were classified as service directories or local offers of provision from local authorities,^{79,80,83,86,94,104,106,113,126} three were commentaries,^{81,84,105} four were inspection reports or quality accounts^{85,87,112,125} and one source was classed as grey literature.¹²²

Types of services

Service descriptions were extracted from each source and categorised as one of the following six overarching categories based on the published protocol for the review:⁴⁴ (1) residential respite in a specialist facility, (2) home-based respite, (3) day-care respite at a specialist facility, (4) community, leisure and social provision, (5) funded holidays and (6) emergency respite (unplanned). The categories are based on where and when the services are delivered, taking service funding into account.

Within the six main categories, we identified 13 distinct service typologies (*Figure 4*) with varying levels of evidence (*Table 6*). Residential respite encompassed three service typologies. There were 21 examples of residential respite in specialist palliative care facilities (e.g. a hospice), six examples of residential breaks delivered in a specialist disability facility (such as condition-specific or adventure camps) where there is less focus on the nursing element of care (Australia, USA and UK based) and one example of residential respite care delivered to young adults in a nursing home.

Home-based respite included three main service typologies and we encountered many examples of overnight and daytime care. In these categories, we included paid carers,^{60,63,69,79,80,130} unpaid carers^{69,130} and components of palliative care packages^{82,95} (USA based) that were home based but unspecific about whether or not they provided daytime/overnight care. We also found four examples of host family (day and overnight) respite in three sources.^{83,97,120}

Day-care respite at a specialist facility was a single typology that included four examples in four sources.^{63,67,78,120} Two examples were provided within a hospice that offered day activities or daytime respite to aid transition to adult services, but no other age-appropriate respite care provision was available. One example was an adult day centre that offered structured activities during the day and one example was an adult day centre that offered a drop-in service.

Community, leisure and social provision included two service typologies. We found 20 examples of social and recreational services for young adults (15 of these related to organised recreational activities^{59,60,66,72,80,83,113,120,127} and five related to befriending schemes^{60,70,104,113,120}).

STAGE 1: KNOWLEDGE MAP

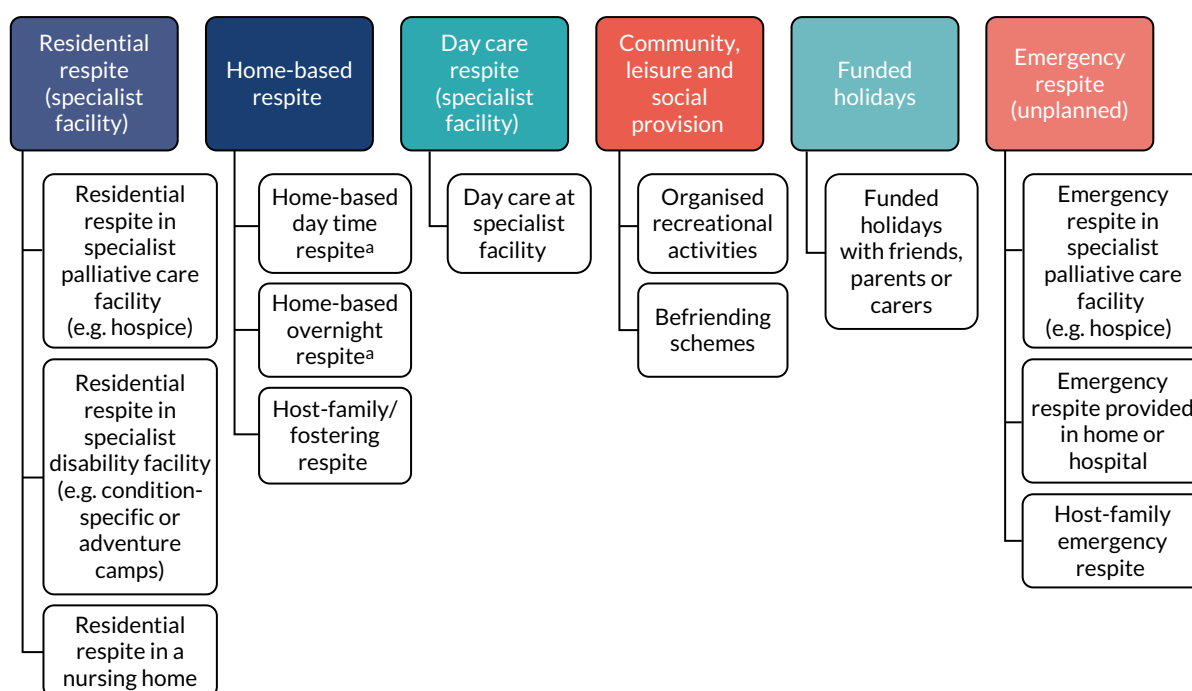


FIGURE 4 Respite care categories and types logic models. a, Paid carer, unpaid carer and respite as part of a hospital-led palliative care package, included in both categories. 'Respite' refers to respite care and short breaks. Specialist palliative care facilities refer to services where there is an element of nursing care or medical supervision. Specialist disability facilities refer to services that have been built or adapted to meet needs or have additional staff to supervise activities.

TABLE 6 Types of service identified

Type of service	Number of examples (sources ^a)
Residential respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. a hospice)	21 ^{27,59-61,64,67,71,84-87,94,100,104-106,112,120,123,125,126}
Residential respite in specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps)	6 ^{62,66,68,72,119}
Residential respite in a nursing home	1 ¹²⁰
Home-based daytime respite	14 ^{60,63,69,79,80,82,83,95,101,120,130}
Home-based overnight respite	11 ^{60,63,69,79,80,82,83,95,101,120,130}
Host family/fostering respite	4 ^{83,97,120}
Day care at specialist facility	4 ^{63,67,78,120}
Organised recreational activities	15 ^{59,60,66,72,80,83,106,113,120,127}
Befriending schemes	5 ^{60,70,104,113,120}
Funded holidays	9 ^{63,104,113,119-121}
Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. a hospice)	8 ^{27,67,81,85,86,94,100,106}
Emergency respite provided in home or hospital	2 ^{85,120}
Host family emergency respite	1 ⁹⁷
Total	101

a Sources may include more than one type of service and therefore the number of sources do not always match the number of examples identified.

Funded holidays was a single service typology that covered nine services that organised or funded tailored breaks to suit the needs of young adults and their families, where nursing care was not necessarily included as part of the provision.^{63,104,113,119-121}

We also found three types of emergency respite care, eight examples of care provided by a specialist palliative care facility,^{27,67,81,85,86,94,100,106} two examples of services provided in the home or hospital^{85,120} and one example of emergency respite provided by a host family.⁹⁷

The 13 logic models for each individual service type are shown in *Appendices 8–20*. The logic models present a summary of the service components, service user expectations, and intended and reported outcomes available for each service type using the headings of service aim and objectives, eligibility criteria, resources needed to provide the service, programme logic, expectations of the young adults, parents and wider family, intended short-term outcomes (proximal) and intended mid- to long-term outcomes (distal). The programme logic summarises what the service does and how it is delivered (e.g. the frequency, location and activities provided). The service components, intended outcomes and service user expectations were populated from the knowledge map sources and engagement with the patient and public involvement (PPI) group. The service user experiences and actual outcomes were mainly completed from the evidence in the review, again with engagement with the PPI group.

Summary discussion

A broad range of respite care service types were identified during the knowledge map stage. These were refined into categories and types of respite care through several stages of discussion with the SG and PAG to facilitate consensus on the final categories and service types, and to ensure that they were validated by service users and providers. In the initial scoping of the evidence for the review protocol, we identified nine service types that were grouped into five overarching service categories (see *Figure 1*). During the knowledge map process, two additional service types [i.e. planned respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps) that are available in Australia, the USA and the UK, and emergency respite with a host family] and one new service category (i.e. community, leisure and social provision, which included organised recreational activities in the community and befriending schemes staffed by volunteers) were identified. No additional services were identified for home-based respite, day-care respite or holidays.

Chapter 6 Stage 2: evidence review

The evidence review is presented by stream below. The streams have been reordered to reflect the process of the review and revised order of the review questions, as the policy intentions identified provided a contextual frame for further interpretation of the evidence found.

UK policy and guidance (evidence stream 4)

This evidence stream summarises the information extracted from 20 sources,^{26,30,88–93,98,99,110,111,114–118,128,129,131} consisting of 16 policy documents and four NFPO guidance documents.

Description of sources

The aim of this stream was to capture the main intentions stated in policy and guideline documents for respite care and short break provision for young adults with complex health-care needs, with a focus on issues of access, acceptability, information provision, funding and commissioning of services, joint and integrated working and transition planning. In addition to the searches, sources were identified through consultation with stakeholders, including policy leads for national organisations. Sixty-one sources were screened using the inclusion criteria and then allocated as policy or NFPO guideline or guidance sources for extraction and synthesis [Figure 5 is a Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT)-style flow chart].

Some sources focused on the young person receiving care, typically from childhood up to age 19 or 25 years, whereas adult carer sources focused primarily on the needs of the parent or carer, and used different terms, such as 'replacement care' for the person receiving care while the adult carer has a 'break'. The synthesis of policy intentions presented here does not claim to provide an exhaustive

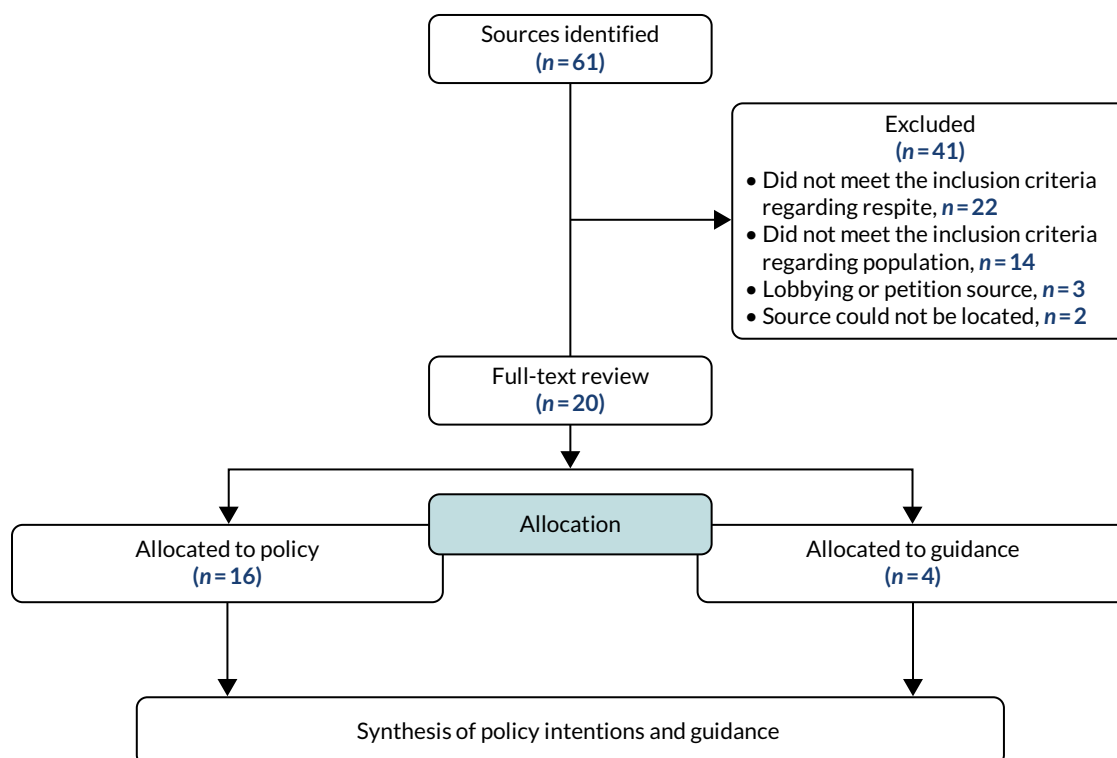


FIGURE 5 A CONSORT-style flow diagram for policy stream.

review of every policy change across all four nations that has affected young adults aged 18 to 40 years in the UK, but provides an account of the key policy intentions and implementation guidance, which subsequently informed the analysis in the other evidence streams.

The 20 sources^{26,30,88-93,98,99,110,111,114-118,128,129,131} comprised eight sources published by the UK Government,^{26,88-93,99} four sources published by the Scottish Government,¹¹⁵⁻¹¹⁸ one source published by the Welsh Government,¹³¹ one source published by the Health Information and Quality Authority⁹⁸ (a statutory government-funded agency in Dublin, Ireland), two sources published by NICE^{110,111} (an executive non-departmental public body of the Department of Health and Social Care in the UK), three sources published by TfSL^{30,128,129} (a national charity for children, young people and young adults with LLCs in the UK) and one source published by the Social Care Institute for Excellence¹¹⁴ (a UK charity and improvement agency).

Quality appraisal

We had intended to use the AGREE II instrument to assess quality of practice guidelines, but none was identified. The policy and NFPO guidance documents were not appraised.

Findings

The policy included in the review was developed in the four nations of the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), although the overall intent is similar across the different nations. Findings from the UK policy and NFPO sources have been grouped by type of intention. Seven emergent areas of policy intention were identified: (1) accessibility, (2) acceptability, (3) outcome-focused services, (4) eligibility criteria and information provision, (5) multiagency and integrated working through and post transition, (6) funding and commissioning and (7) service user involvement.

Accessibility to appropriate respite care

Young adults and their parents/carers have the right to request a needs assessment should they wish to do so (also known as an adult carer support plan in Scotland).^{116,117,128} The quality of carers' assessments and *Care Act 2014*⁴³ compliance can be improved by:

- including provision of information and advice about respite and carer breaks so carers can make informed choices
- taking a whole-family approach to include outcomes and impacts holistically
- taking a joined-up approach to all assessments that carers undertake
- gathering and providing key information at transitions points
- individually tailoring information and support to arrange breaks.¹¹⁴

Although they do not have the same duty to provide short breaks for young adults as they do for children, under the *Care Act 2014*,⁴³ local authorities must ensure the provision of preventative services that provide quality of care and support for carers. These services include a wide range of breaks that will meet carers' specific needs and identified personal outcome, address diversity to meet racial, cultural, linguistic and religious needs, and are intended for all parents/carers and not just those who would be unable to continue to provide care without a break.^{26,88,90-92,99,110,114,116-118,128,131}

The term 'replacement care' is often used in policy documents that detail provision of respite for carers of adults. In all nations, under the *Care Act 2014*,⁴³ replacement care is provided for the cared-for person, either on its own or alongside other services that the local authority can provide, such as assistive technology or short breaks for the carer.¹¹⁸ Where a carer meets the eligibility criteria for a break from caring and replacement care is needed because there is no other alternative support from family or voluntary sector, the cared-for person may receive the replacement care from the local authority, regardless of their own eligibility for social care in their own right.¹¹⁸ Therefore, replacement care can be provided by the local authority to the person being cared for if the carer or person needing care is entitled to support.¹¹⁰ The *Care Act 2014* does allow local authorities to charge carers

for services, which can be a deterrent, and clear information about charges must be available.¹¹⁴ Charges for replacement care cannot be made to the carer. These can be charged directly to the person receiving care only.¹¹⁴

Policy from all nations states that children, young people and young adults with additional needs, such as complex health-care and disability needs, should have equitable access to short breaks as a core component of palliative care, with medical and nursing input as required.^{26,88,91,92,111,115,128,131} The care should comply with national standards,⁹⁸ be fit for purpose, be age appropriate⁹¹ and should be delivered as close to home as possible.⁹⁸ Where needed, creative solutions to transport challenges should be resolved by agencies working in partnership to ensure that transport is suitable and accessible to access respite and any activities while receiving the respite service.^{26,91}

Respite should enable the young person to participate in everyday activities, such as leisure and education, and should be supported by good-quality health-care provision.^{91,98,131} There should be an equivalent level of service provision for young people who require both short-term and long-term respite stays,⁹⁸ with care provided across a range of time periods (including day, night, at weekends and during the school/college holidays) and with capacity to respond to emergency requirements.^{91,118,128,131}

Young people with complex health needs should not experience an inequality of access to respite due to lack of appropriate provision as they approach transition, as this is often when young adults and their family require increased need for respite support.^{30,91} Respite, including short breaks, should be included in proactive planning for transition, with consideration of the needs of young adults and their parents/carers and the most appropriate settings.^{30,114} Young adult needs are different from those of young children and it is recommended that respite and hospice services be developed for them.¹¹¹

Acceptability

As part of palliative care, respite care should be safe, flexible, holistic, planned and person centred to ensure that it is acceptable to them and takes their complex needs into account.^{89,98,115,116,128} The care should take account of the person's physical, emotional, cultural, spiritual and practical needs and the needs of the family, and be appropriate for their age and/or developmental needs, so that each young person receives the optimum care and support in a way that promotes dignity, choice, independence, creativity and quality of life, as close to home as possible.^{89,98,115,116} Where desired, breaks should enable parents/carers to care at home.¹²⁸ Services should promote engagement of young adults in daily activities that offer positive benefits, such as regular opportunities for play, leisure, recreation activities, training and employment.^{98,116}

In addition to the needs of the young adult receiving the respite care, some sources, which were aimed at adult carers, had parent-/carer-focused intentions. The intentions included that carer assessments should comprise a consideration of the carer's needs, including their wish to work or engage in other education, training or social activities, so they have the same meaningful opportunities as those without caring responsibilities.^{90,118} Local authorities should provide breaks tailored to the needs of individual carers as a mainstream form of support, and this should be provided in a reliable and consistent way and as part of a range of support.^{110,114,118} Therefore, a 'break from caring' can be any form of support that enables a carer to have time away from their normal caring responsibilities.^{110,114,118} Breaks can be provided on a regular or temporary basis, during the day or overnight,¹¹⁸ and can be taken with or without the cared-for person.^{114,118} A broad range of breaks, with or without those being cared for, are recommended, including holidays, social and sport activities, and breaks at home during the day or overnight.^{114,118} Although local authorities are required to consider if personal outcomes and needs for support can be met with a break from caring, there is currently no duty to provide a break for parents/carers in all cases.¹¹⁸

Outcome-focused services

Palliative care services should be planned and delivered to achieve the best outcomes for individual young people, young adults and their families.^{115,128} Outcomes are not clearly defined in the policy, but commissioning guidance documents defined outcomes as measurable benefits of an intervention that can be categorised at an individual, service or strategic level.¹²⁸ To have a positive impact, the *Care Act 2014* guidance states that short breaks should be provided on a planned basis, rather than as a response to a crisis situation, so that carers have certainty of what will be provided and the opportunity to benefit from enhanced health, well-being and personal outcomes for themselves and the cared-for person.¹¹⁸

Previous policy and implementation guidance to support development of short breaks for disabled children and young adults clearly states that having measurable outcomes and outputs can provide a measure of service effectiveness, including prevention of family breakdown, reduction of stress, identification of services that support transition between services, and identification of issues of workforce capacity and safe practice.⁹¹ Development of local data through regular monitoring would allow for comparison and learning across areas, enabling services to demonstrate if their provision makes a difference.^{26,114} Performance indicators should be outcome focused and meaningful in terms of measuring improvement in the young person's outcomes, but they should not reduce flexibility to respond to the full range of needs, which include but are not limited to respite provision.⁹⁹

In the *Care Act 2014*, an important policy intention is to identify and support the personal outcomes of carers that enable them to provide, or continue to provide, care for the cared-for person.¹¹⁷ In addition to traditional short breaks, there should be inclusion of flexible and innovative provision to provide respite from caring (e.g. a greenhouse to facilitate breaks in the garden while remaining close to the cared-for person).¹¹⁷

Eligibility criteria and information provision

The need for fair, transparent, clear eligibility criteria and public information about the range of respite service available was a distinct intention in policy and guideline sources from all nations.^{88,90-92,110,114-117,128,131} All local authorities are required to provide a short break service statement within their local offer provision, and this should provide information and details of the range of services provided^{90-92,116,117,128,131} (including palliative and respite care), other provision for young people with complex health needs and other services (such as emergency care provision and rehabilitation support).⁸⁸ It must also contain any criteria by which eligibility for those services will be assessed^{90-92,116,117,128,131} and how the range of services is designed to meet the needs of carers in their area.^{92,110,114,117,131} Local authorities should have appropriate strategies in place to ensure that carers are being told of their rights and that 'hidden' carers who are not currently accessing services are reached.⁹⁰

It is recommended in the guidance that information and options for respite and carers' breaks should be provided and discussed regularly with carers, preferably with health and social care professionals and those conducting carer assessments.^{110,114} Assessors should be confident to discuss respite and short breaks with carers and be able to provide relevant information to them.¹¹⁴ Peer support should be utilised to improve carers' knowledge of the options available and to support them in making informed choices.¹¹⁴ Young adults and their carers should have information in a language and format that they can understand, and they should have the opportunity to discuss the options with staff from the service.¹¹⁶ The local offer information should also include information on the support for young people when moving between children and adult health-care services.^{88,128} Information should be shared in a timely fashion between systems and services to ensure continuity of care in different settings.⁹⁸

Multiagency and integrated working through and post transition

Co-ordination of care based on need and integrated working by a range of agencies, including the NHS, children and adult hospices, the voluntary sector, social care and education, is required for high-quality palliative care to be available to all children, young people and young adults who need it,^{26,89,91,114,117,118} preferably with a lead professional or key worker to co-ordinate the care plan and transition care.^{26,115} It is essential that commissioners engage with services from all sectors, including the voluntary sector. The commissioners should have a strong role in developing partnership-based service delivery and augmenting the available local statutory provision.^{26,91,117} Clear communication between services and co-ordination of services available to meet the needs of the person receiving care is imperative to ensure that the available support has the best impact, and that carers do not have to navigate multiple assessment and access routes.¹¹⁴ It is a requirement for public authorities to consider any request from the local authority for assistance in planning services for a carer.^{90,114}

The transition duties within the *Care Act 2014* require local authorities to recognise the need for phased and timely transitions of young people.^{26,128} This includes the need to assess the future social care, education and health needs of young people and their carers, provided the assessment is in the young person's best interest and they consent to being assessed.^{26,128} Innovative approaches that maximise the potential for voluntary and third-sector contribution and collaboration with the local authority are encouraged to extend the range and quality of short breaks to meet the needs of carers.^{26,91,118} During childhood, young adults may have received short break provision from children's hospices and other voluntary and statutory agencies. When these services can no longer be accessed, the needs of young adults should be reviewed to ensure that the most appropriate care setting is used for short breaks.¹²⁹ The guidance recognises that creative use of alternative settings may be needed to provide appropriate care for young adults, such as residential colleges with hospice or palliative care staff going in to provide nursing or medical care, or adult hospices making adjustments to their current provision to suit the needs of a younger population.¹²⁹ While planning for transition, it is important that the young person and family have realistic expectations of what is available and enough knowledge to have confidence that their care and support needs will be met.^{26,129} While planning for young adults, the needs of parents, which may be significant, should also be identified to ensure that they are supported in caring for their young adult effectively.⁸⁸ It is important that children and adult services work together to ensure that needs are met.^{26,88}

Funding and commissioning

Effective commissioning and funding of services plays a vital role in enabling service provision that is cost-effective, addresses inequalities and achieves successful outcomes,^{26,91,128} such as supporting early discharge for young people from acute care settings through step-down care and reducing unplanned admissions of young people to acute care settings;^{30,128} care that includes the required clinical care for young people and adults with complex health-care needs;³⁰ and commissioners acting as market managers by utilising providers that offer the appropriate and best combination of skills and experience to deliver a high-quality service to meet individual needs at the most efficient cost.⁹¹ Good-quality data on the number of potential service users, the types and range of services available, who is using them and their needs, patterns of breaks and gaps in provision, along with transparent pricing, are required to support effective commissioning and attraction of new providers for a relatively small population.^{26,91,99,111,114}

Policy intentions include joint commissioning at local, subregional and regional levels across health, social care, education, third-sector and social enterprises to provide an integrated service that meets the complex needs of the young adult population;^{30,89,91,114,128} services can be specialist or through equal access to universal services;^{26,91} services should secure economies of scale, which will attract independent providers and increase the skilled workforce for those with complex health-care and disability needs;⁹¹ and provision should meet the needs of minority groups.⁹¹ In addition, available grants should be used to provide additional practice support (e.g. housing adaptations);⁸⁹ the NHS should be responsible for providing and commissioning short breaks where the 'scale and type of nursing care'

is outside that which can be provided by the local authority;¹²⁸ and short break vouchers or direct payments should be used, where appropriate, to increase choice of provider, but this should not reduce the onus on commissioners to follow the *Care Act 2014* market shaping duties to provide access to a range of diverse, high-quality provision that supports development of the market and sufficient provision to meet independent demand.^{90,91,93,114}

Service user involvement

Co-production of services that is underpinned by the needs of the people who will use it improves outcomes by ensuring that provision is planned, shaped and delivered in the most appropriate way.¹¹⁴ Policy intentions included engaging carers and families in the planning of carer services and short breaks to draw on their experiences and knowledge, and enhancing the young adult's sense of control and independence for their future.^{26,91,114,117,118,131}

Summary discussion

There are many legal duties set out in existing policy regarding the commissioning, funding and delivery of respite care and short breaks by local authorities. All nations have similar stated intentions to meet the provision of respite care and short breaks for carers, as set out in the legal framework of acts (e.g. the *Care Act 2014*),⁴³ although there is some variation by nation in their final documents and accompanying guidance. The legal duties and priorities change in focus between the children-focused policies, which are aimed at the holistic needs of the child and family, and policies that are more directed at provision of breaks for the adult carer. This change in focus is a factor that may affect the provision of appropriate respite for young adults, depending on their NHS continuing health-care status, and may also result in a lack of any support for siblings, unless they are identified as a young carer in their own right.

Since the Aiming High for Disabled Children^{91,99} programme in 2007/8, there has been little in the way of policy aspirations for young people and young adults that are specifically intended to improve respite care provision or to address the needs of the growing population of young adults with complex health-care needs who find themselves unable to access children's services. Much of the relevant guidance on addressing these challenges for commissioning and transition has come from NFPOs, such as TfSL.^{30,128,129}

In England and Wales, the legal duties with the *Care Act 2014* set out requirements for early transition planning and future care based on clear assessment and a care plan being agreed to 'meet eligible needs', as set out in the *Care and Support (Eligibility Criteria) Regulations*.¹³² Although local authorities do not need to provide a list of services, they must assess and take into account the wishes and preferences of the young adult and make an agreed plan for future support following transition. When the young adult has complex health or disability needs and is eligible for NHS continuing care, there is a requirement for the NHS to provide respite for these young people and young adults and to work with the local authorities to provide appropriate care. When a young adult is not eligible for NHS continuing care, the updated national framework of 2018¹³³ states that they may still be able to receive a joint package of health and social care. Therefore, the NHS is bound to support and fund respite health care if it is identified and agreed as part of an assessment and care plan.¹³³

The key policy intentions to shape the experience, implementation and delivery of respite care for young adults can be summarised separately for them and their parents, as well as intentions that apply generally. For young adults, good transition planning should start early, at approximately age 14 years, with early assessment and development of a care plan to meet the young adult needs, including respite care and short breaks. In addition, respite care should be provided in a range of services that are age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate and resourced with appropriately trained staff to ensure safe care. For the parents, a carer assessment should be conducted to identify and develop a care plan

for their needs, including any personal outcomes that they wish to achieve. Intentions for all include the following:

- Respite care and short breaks to be planned, rather than responsive to a crisis.
- Clear eligibility criteria, charges and information about available services should be publicly available.
- Assessors should know and be confident in discussing the available respite care available during assessments.
- Care should be available at different times and on different days to suit the recipient.
- A broad range of respite should be made available, including holidays, organised social and sport activities, and outings.
- Performance indicators and outcomes should be monitored to identify gaps in provision, data on service use and impact for service users.
- Services from all sectors should work together to develop partnership-based services.
- Service user choice of provider should be supported by the use of short break vouchers or direct payments, where appropriate, but this should not limit effective commissioning, which shapes the market to meet the needs of local young adults and parents.
- Young adults and parents should be involved in the development and delivery of services.

Effectiveness of respite care/short breaks (evidence stream 1)

We did not find any sources that formally quantified the effectiveness of respite care or short breaks for young people with complex health-care needs, either in comparison with no services or by comparing different types of services. A high proportion of the observational before-and-after studies in the screened evidence related to children with complex health-care needs but not young adults, or were based on populations not included in our review. The absence of evidence on effectiveness represents a gap in the knowledge base.

Health economics and the costs of care (evidence stream 2)

We did not find any sources that assessed the health economic or broader cost implications of providing respite care, either for a given service or the relative cost comparisons between services. As above, much of the screened evidence did not meet our review inclusion criteria and the included evidence that did meet our review inclusion criteria was either not focused on the costs of respite services or the attribution of cost was unclear and therefore it could not be included. Of the four sources^{97,134–136} that reached the full-text screening, one source was excluded because it presented information about the payments made to hosts providing respite care without supplying any evidence regarding the costs of actually delivering respite services.⁹⁷ The other three sources were excluded because (1) no costs were reported,¹³⁴ (2) limited data were used to develop illustrative examples¹³⁵ or (3) there was heterogeneity in the costs reported and lack of transparency on what was included in the costs presented.¹³⁶ Again, the absence of evidence on the absolute and relative costs of service provision represents an important gap in knowledge.

Experience and attitudes (evidence stream 3)

This evidence stream summarises qualitative information included from 20 sources (reported in 27 publications^{22,27,35,41,59–76,102,103,107–109}) that explored experiences and attitudes relating to the provision of respite care or short breaks.

Description of sources

The sources included in this evidence stream are tabulated by respite type in *Table 7*, which details key sources and level of available evidence for the 13 respite care types identified in the knowledge map. There are several sources that relate to multiple sources or were generic, and so the two categories of 'non-specific services' and 'multiple respite sources' are also reported in the table. Where the evidence within the multiple services sources could be clearly identified for any of the 13 respite services, this has been noted in the table. Although the knowledge map identified examples of 13 respite care types, not all sources were eligible for inclusion in the in-depth stream 3 evidence review, either because they were not empirical studies or because we could not determine population eligibility because of a lack of information that would have enabled us to discern which evidence related to our population of interest. For example, not all the service types have evidence relating to views and experiences, and no clear evidence was found for three types of respite care (i.e. host family/fostering respite, emergency respite provided in home or hospital and host family emergency respite), highlighting gaps in the current evidence base. A matrix and gap analysis of evidence by respite care type is presented in *Appendix 23*.

Evidence from 20 sources included the views and experiences of young adults, parents, professionals and service providers on 10 specific types of service and respite services: (1) residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. a hospice),^{27,59,61,67,71,103,106} (2) respite in a residential specialist

TABLE 7 Respite service types and key sources in the review

Type of service	Source
Residential respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)	Grinyer <i>et al.</i> ⁷¹
	Hutcheson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁹
	Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁵
	Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷
	Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰
	Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰⁷
	Young <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁶
	Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁴
Residential respite in specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps)	Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶¹
	Dawson and Liddicoat ⁶²
Residential respite in a nursing home	Luzinat <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁸
Home-based day care	Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶¹
	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³
Home-based overnight care (planned short break or respite)	Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰
	Stylianou ⁶⁹
	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³
Host family/fostering respite	Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰
	Stylianou ⁶⁹
Day-care respite at a specialist facility	No evidence found
	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³

TABLE 7 Respite service types and key sources in the review (continued)

Type of service	Source
Organised recreational activities	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³
	Hutcheson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁹
	Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰
	Shared Care Scotland ⁷²
	Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶
Befriending	Macdonald and Greggans ⁷⁰
Funded holidays with friends/parents/carers	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³
	Shared Care Scotland ⁷²
	Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶
Emergency residential in specialist facilities (e.g. hospice)	Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰⁷
	Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷
Emergency respite provided in home or hospital	No evidence found
Host family emergency respite	No evidence found
Non-specific service	Abbott and Carpenter ⁷³
	Kerr <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁴
	Kirk and Fraser ²²
	Marsh <i>et al.</i> ³⁵
	Murphy and Mackay ¹⁰⁹
	Muscular Dystrophy Campaign ⁶⁵
	Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³
	Knighting <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰³
	Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷
	Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰
Multiple respite services (sources that document/mention more than one service from those listed above)	Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰⁷
	Shared Care Scotland ⁷²
	Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶

disability facility (e.g. a camp),^{62,66,68,72} (3) residential respite in a nursing home,⁶¹ (4) home-based day care,^{60,63,69} (5) home-based overnight respite,^{60,63,69} (6) day care at a specialist facility,⁶³ (7) organised recreational activities,^{59,60,66,72} (8) befriending,^{60,70} (9) funded holidays^{63,66,72} and (10) emergency residential respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. a hospice).^{27,67} Six sources^{22,35,65,73,74,109} gathered information from young adults, parents, professionals and service providers on their views and experiences of respite services as a whole (i.e. a non-specific service).

Characteristics of the sources, including aims/objectives, location, population of interest, methodological information and study funding, are tabulated in *Appendix 22*.

Sixteen studies were conducted in the UK. Five studies^{22,35,61,67,103} were described as conducted in the UK, five^{27,60,61,71,73} were conducted in England, five^{65,66,70,72,109} were conducted in Scotland and one⁵⁹ was conducted in Northern Ireland. One source⁷⁴ covered Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Three studies^{62,68,69} were conducted outside the UK (in the USA,⁶² Australia⁶⁸ and Cyprus⁶⁹).

Six^{22,27,59-61,103} of the 20 sources included participants with a range of LLCs and five sources^{66,69,71,72,109} included participants with a range of complex health-care needs. Six studies^{62,63,65,68,70,73} included participants with specific conditions: two sources with Duchenne muscular dystrophy^{65,73} and one source each with cerebral palsy,⁶² cystic fibrosis,⁷⁰ acquired brain injury⁶⁸ and Ataxia-Telangiectasia.⁶³ Two sources^{67,74} focused solely on service providers rather than service users.

A total of 886 service users, parents or wider family members and professionals/service providers participated in 20 studies. The three largest studies were by Martin House Children's Hospice⁶⁰ (with 274 service users, parents, and service providers), Mitchell *et al.*²⁷ (with 135 participants, comprising service users, parents, siblings and service providers) and Abbott and Carpenter⁷³ (with 109 participants, comprising young adults, siblings and service providers). Four sources^{22,64,72,94} included 27–100 participants, including service users, parents and wider family. Eight sources^{35,59,61,63,69-71,109} included the views and experiences of no more than 25 participants (ranging from 10 to 25 participants), including service users, parents and wider family. The number of participants was unclear in three sources.^{65,66,72}

Of the 886 participants clearly identified in 17 of the studies,^{22,35,59-63,67-71,73-75,107,109} 472 were professionals/service providers (53%), three were volunteer befrienders, four were paid carers, 220 were parents or wider family members, such as grandparents (25%), 12 were siblings (1%) and 175 were young people/adults (20%).

Seventeen studies reported sources of funding. Five sources^{35,59,66,72,73} were funded by government bodies, four sources^{27,60,65,71} were funded by service providers, three sources^{61,63,109} were funded by charitable organisations, two sources^{69,74} were funded doctoral theses, two sources^{67,103} were funded by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and one source²² reported that no funding was received. The remaining three studies^{62,68,70} did not report their source of funding.

Quality appraisal of sources

We assessed the quality of all included studies using the CASP tool⁵³ (see *Appendix 22*). All of the sources used either a single data collection method or a combination of qualitative methods. Eleven sources^{22,35,59-61,63,65,68-70,109} used interviews or focus groups. Four sources^{27,62,71,73} used mixed qualitative methods, such as open-text surveys in combination with focus groups and interviews. Three sources^{67,74,103} used survey methods alone, which had open questions to gather qualitative data. Two sources^{66,72} used a range of methods to evaluate services.

Some sources did not report data collection methods, although this does not necessarily infer poor study design. Fourteen studies^{22,27,35,60-62,67-70,73,74,103,109} were considered valuable research sources. Seventeen sources^{22,35,59-63,67-71,73-75,107,109} clearly described the research aims and appropriateness of the chosen methods, although this was unclear in three sources.^{65,66,72} In five sources,^{65,66,72,73,103} the participant recruitment strategy was not reported and we were therefore unable to judge its suitability for the research aims. We were unable to determine whether or not data collection was appropriate for the research question in three sources.^{65,66,72} The relationship between researcher and participant was adequately addressed by three sources only^{59,61,74} and ethics issues were reported by 11 sources.^{22,27,35,60,61,68-71,103,109} A clear statement of findings was provided by all but three sources.^{65,66,72}

Findings of the framework synthesis

The synthesis of evidence in the experience stream was guided by review questions 4 and 5 [i.e. 'What are service users' and providers' views of current service provision and the need for new services?' and 'What are the facilitators of and barriers to providing, implementing, using and sustaining respite care

and short breaks, taking into account the different perspectives of service users (young adults, family members) and providers?', respectively]. To inform the logic models and to identify concerns of service users and providers, we focused on the optimisation, implementation and delivery of respite care in the context of outcomes. The evidence is presented in two sections (see *Section 1: experience and benefits of respite care delivered to young adults* and *Section 2: facilitators of and barriers to the uptake, implementation and delivery of respite care to young adults*). There was substantial consistency in the emergent themes between service types, and so to avoid repetition, the evidence is presented by theme rather than by type of respite care. A summary of the types of respite care services, service perspectives and any evidence on service inequalities that contributed to the theme are summarised at the beginning of each theme. Both first- and second-order constructs from the sources are included in the themes. Where direct quotes from participants are included in the theme narrative, the original participant identifier of the source has been used, if one was provided, and clarification of cohort has been added where needed. Other quoted text includes the authors interpretation of the evidence from the sources.

Section 1: experience and benefits of respite care delivered to young adults

This section brings together available evidence on the experience of respite care from the perspectives of young adults, parents and service providers, along with the short- and mid-range benefits and outcomes of respite care for young adults, parents and providers. There was no evidence that explicitly described longer-term benefits because of the lack of longitudinal studies in this area. The initial coding framework derived from the logic models sought to identify the key outcomes and associated benefits for the service user (i.e. the primary intended intervention outcomes and experienced outcomes by service recipients, and unintended consequences and harms) and secondary outcomes for those other than the service recipient (i.e. the secondary intended intervention outcomes and experienced outcomes, and unintended consequences and impacts). However, it was not always possible to discriminate in the evidence between service outcomes that were planned and intended, and service outcomes that were unintended. The benefits and outcomes of the service are reported from three perspectives (i.e. the experiences of young adults, parents and the wider family, and service providers).

Benefits and outcomes of respite care for young adults

The evidence in this theme was drawn from five respite care types (i.e. residential short breaks,⁵⁹⁻⁶² residential respite in a specialist disability facility,^{62,68} day-care respite at a specialist facility,⁶³ organised recreational activities^{60,63,66} and funded holidays^{63,66}) and two generic categories (non-specific services⁶⁵ and multiple respite services).^{60,63,66} In this theme, we did not identify any evidence relating to service inequalities. The evidence was predominantly from young adult service users, who identified numerous and varied benefits as outcomes of respite care, encompassed by three main subthemes: (1) promoting independence and empowerment, (2) social interaction and (3) holistic well-being.

Promoting independence and empowerment in young adults

Many of the young adults felt that respite services facilitated the development of independence and empowerment. Some young adults with LLCs and complex needs have very limited opportunities to make their own decisions while spending time away from their families. Respite services that provided opportunities to develop and engage in independent daily activities and to spend time away from parents were highly valued.⁶³ This 'freedom' was enjoyed by young adults and it gave them 'confidence' [young person (YP)02]:⁵⁹

When I was 16/17 and I was going, it was nice because I would go out shopping and I wasn't with mum ... They organise all sorts don't they but it is just nice to do it sort of as independently as you can.

Debbie, age 21 years. Reproduced with permission from Martin House Research Centre⁶⁰

Respite services further enhance the development of independence by supporting young adults in 'taking more control of decision-making about their health and living', while at the same time 'supporting parents to relinquish some of their control'.⁶¹

Engaging young adults in the planning of services supported their sense of independence and empowerment, and may also have improved acceptability of the service. One source highlighted the experience of young adults contributing to the planning of a residential short break centre, for example ‘meeting with the architect when the new lounge area was being discussed’ and ‘being part of the consultation group for new policies and procedures’,⁶¹ and the difference this made to the final respite care services.

Parents felt that respite services improved their young adult’s self-esteem ‘as a result of being able to be with others and participating in activities she loves, such as swimming, climbing, crafts etc.’⁶² and young adults felt that it improved their confidence and empowerment:

*... it has taught me to cope with life. People stare at me, but I can go anywhere.*⁶²

Service providers also recognised the inherent value in supporting young adults to have ‘freedom of choice over daily routines and activities’ (reproduced with permission from Martin House Research Centre)⁶⁰ and to ‘give them the opportunity [over a weekend] to have their own programme, self-determination – the whole lot’.⁵⁹

Social interaction

Young adults, their parents and service providers commented on the benefits of social interaction as an outcome for young adults and collectively as part of a wider community. The greatest perceived benefit of some respite services was the opportunity for young adults to socialise with peer groups, some of whom became friends, and to interact with staff. This was particularly beneficial for those accessing residential respite services:

[Beyond Horizon] also fulfils your social needs; getting out and away from your family and not be attached to one person, and that’s really important.

*Young adult*⁵⁹

Young adults described how some short break respite services gave them the chance to ‘meet a lot of friends’,⁶² ‘interact with friends’⁶² and to socialise with their peers.⁶⁵ This was considered important for overcoming a sense of isolation [e.g. ‘... [feel] a bit isolated, so this really helps us’ (YPO2)⁵⁹] arising from limited opportunities to engage with peers in daily life (‘Here you get time to talk to people’⁶¹). For some young adults, it also offered an opportunity to sustain relationships established in the respite environment:

... it gives me a break from my routine and a chance to socialise and catch up with friends, some of whom I don’t see outside of respite breaks.

*Young adult*⁶⁵

Social interaction also facilitated a sense of normality [‘Yes, we all have good laughs. What a normal teenager would do really’ (YPO3)] through shared life experiences, being ‘around other people with my disability’⁶⁵ and benefit from facing ‘the same issues and challenges that can only be resolved by coming together’ (YPO1).⁵⁹

Parents’ views were largely consistent with those of the young adults expressed above. The benefits of social interaction were observed by watching their child ‘... enjoying himself with friends’ (parent)⁷² or having ‘... a few days of fun with friends’.⁶² Parents also felt that attending a camp with similar young people enabled their child to feel less alone⁶⁸ and this in turn had an impact on their social networks and interactions with their family:

They can go on Facebook [Facebook, Inc., Menlo Park, CA, USA] and discuss different things, whereas if they didn’t have it there isn’t anything to discuss and after being in a room with somebody for a full day, by the time it comes to the next day they’ve run out of conversation’.

*PO1*⁵⁹

Service providers spoke of how young adults benefited from becoming part of a like-minded community:

Campers benefit from the membership of community itself and from the growth the community fosters.⁶²

Services provided young adults with the opportunity to join in with physical and social activities they may not be able to engage in at home:

The young adults benefit by spending time with a peer group away from home (many for the first time) and are encouraged to plan and try out new activities.⁶⁶

Promoting holistic well-being

Young adults described some respite services as providing them with 'hope', which had a positive impact on well-being as an outcome⁶² and, again, this was particularly evident for planned residential respite services. These services fostered a sense of belonging and warmth 'where everybody loves everybody'⁶² and where the young adult did not feel defined by their disability: '[I come to camp] just to meet people like me, I guess'.⁶² These residential respite camps were described by a young adult as 'lifting my spirits'.⁶² A sense of well-being during respite was described as gained through 'time away from home' and 'time to try new activities'.⁶⁵

We found no direct evidence from parents or service providers for this subtheme, although it is noted that the above subthemes are inter-related to young adult well-being.

Benefits of respite care for parents and the wider family

The benefits of respite services extended beyond the immediate impact on young adults to provide benefits for their parents and wider family. The underpinning evidence for this theme was drawn from seven respite care types (i.e. residential short breaks,^{27,59-61,66,71} residential respite in a specialist disability facility,^{62,68} home-based day care,⁶⁹ home-based overnight care,⁶⁹ organised recreational activities,^{59,60,66,72} befriending⁷⁰ and funded holidays^{66,72}) and two generic categories (i.e. non-specific service⁶⁵ and multiple respite services^{27,66,67,72}).

The evidence is predominantly from the parents and family, although some evidence is drawn from the perspective of the young adults. We did not find any evidence on service providers views or relating to service inequalities in this theme. The evidence of benefits of respite care for families is encapsulated by two subthemes: (1) rest and resilience and (2) time with family.

The main benefits for parents were to be able to rest and recuperate (which led to outcomes such as reduced stress and enhanced resilience), pursue their own interests, spend time with their partner and spend time with their other children. However, the benefits of respite for the family were tempered by the need for trust in the standard and quality of respite care provided.

Rest and resilience

Although respite services are primarily designed to benefit the young adult service users, a key intended, or sometimes unintended, benefit for their families was the respite from caring responsibilities. Young adults acknowledged the benefits of respite care for their parents in terms of the gain of personal time and as a relief from daily caring. One young adult regarded it as an opportunity for parents to 'get some time to themselves'⁶⁷ and another felt that a befriending service saved her 'mum and dad having to do all that stuff' (woman aged 18 years).⁷⁰

One of the most positive and frequently experienced outcomes for parents was the break from daily caring, 'a chance to catch my breath and be able to go on another year'⁶² and a chance to 'sleep without being awakened',⁶² 'for a whole night'.⁶⁷ In this way, respite care, particularly planned residential breaks,

provided parents 'with a break',⁵⁹ a chance to 'relax and recharge batteries'⁶⁵ and for parents to take 'a break from being a full-time carer' (parent).⁶⁵

I kind of felt that it was as much a break for me as it was for [my son].

PO4, parent⁵⁹

Residential respite was seen as an opportunity for parents to have 'time to themselves to rest and re-energise'⁶⁶ and have the 'opportunity to relinquish the caring role'⁶¹ while the young adult was in the service. For parents, the opportunity to have a break from their '24/7 caring responsibilities' was vital in enabling them to build resilience and to 'continue caring' for their young adult.⁶⁵ The provision of home-based respite care also helped to 'lower stress levels' associated with their caring roles.⁶⁹

The potential benefits of residential respite for reducing psychological outcomes, such as the stresses and anxieties associated with a caring role, were tempered by the need to trust the quality of service provision so they could 'leave [the young adult] and relax'.⁵⁹ The benefits of respite for the parents were dependent on knowing 'that the specialist short break service met the needs and preferences of their child'.⁶¹

However, some of the evidence identified that the service does not need to be highly technical or specialised to provide the intended outcome of respite. Befriending services can also achieve respite for parents and relieve the physical and emotional burden that continuous caring places on them:

Befriending helped relieve the burden on parents physically and emotionally and gave them some time out for themselves both at home and when their child was in hospital.⁷⁰

Another benefit that contributed to improved resilience of parents of young people with acquired brain injury who attended a family camp was 'not feeling alone', as they could share similar struggles and concerns with other parents while feeling accepted as part of a community.⁶⁸

Time with family

Young adults recognised the secondary benefits of their respite break for other members of their family:

It's all me, you know, 'cause I've got a lot of appointments . . . and [sibling] misses out on a lot, so they [parents] try and give him a bit of time as well while they have the time to do it.

Young person²⁷

Respite care was viewed as a support mechanism for the wider family, helping to re-establish family cohesion and facilitate a period of 'normal' family life, when wanting a 'normal life' was a key desired outcome of parents. It provided parents with personal time to 'enjoy doing other activities for their own benefit' and 'to spend more time' with their partner and other children.⁶¹

Respite provision enabled parents to spend some time with other family members, for example to 'give attention to their other children', as siblings were acknowledged as 'missing out on a lot' (reproduced with permission from Martin House Research Centre).⁶⁰ For a brief amount of time at regular intervals, 'the parents could live a more "normal" family life':⁷¹

One mother said that as a result of her son being able to access short breaks, they [her and her son's father] had been able to enjoy doing other activities for their own benefit. Another mother had returned to work and taken holidays with her husband. Those with more than one child appreciated the time they have been able to give to their other, healthy child.⁶¹

Periods of respite care, especially those of a residential nature, also provided the opportunity for couples to pursue their own interests and 'enjoy doing activities together' or 'take holidays',⁶¹ which helped to sustain their relationship and build resilience to continue with the demands of caring.

Section 2: facilitators of and barriers to the uptake, implementation and delivery of respite care to young adults

This section summarises key factors that facilitate or act as barriers to the uptake, implementation and delivery of services. Barriers and facilitators are often opposite sides of the same coin, for example trust was perceived as a facilitator and lack of trust as a barrier, and so presenting all factors separately becomes repetitive. We have therefore summarised the key barriers identified in terms of accessibility and acceptability for service users, and for the implementation and delivery of respite services for service providers. The section has three main themes: (1) accessing respite care services, (2) acceptability of services and (3) implementation, delivery and reliability of services.

Accessing respite care services

Most of the evidence on accessibility related to the practical limitations of gaining access to services or accessing respite services after the transition from child to adult services. The evidence for this theme is drawn from five respite care types (i.e. residential short breaks,^{27,59,61,64,67,71,76,102} residential respite in a specialist disability facility,⁶² residential respite in a nursing home,⁶¹ organised recreational activities⁵⁹ and funded holidays⁶³) and two generic categories (i.e. non-specific service^{22,35,65,73,74} and multiple respite services^{27,67,102}). The evidence for this theme has been grouped into two subthemes: (1) practical barriers to access and (2) barriers relating to transition from child to adult respite services.

Practical barriers to access

This subtheme includes the perspectives of parents and service providers. There was no direct evidence from young adults. There was some limited evidence of service inequalities of black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups in relation to service accessibility. Several practical barriers to access were identified in the evidence, including volume and complexity of paperwork, delay between referral and service provision, the distance between home and service, limited access to condition-specific services, age limits, lack of physical space for equipment, lack of appropriately trained staff and limited inclusion of BAME populations.

Many families reported challenges with accessing services, including high levels of paperwork and form filling, making respite 'more hassle than it's worth'⁷¹ or the lengthy time (e.g. '18 months'⁶¹) required to secure a place in a service. Families were keen that respite services were local and did not require extensive travel.^{65,67,71} The perception that families need local services was also mentioned by one service provider who stated 'they want local – not travelling miles – to access care' (children's hospice 10).⁶⁷ Variation in access by geographical location was also noted, with one family who were considering relocation advised 'don't do it, you will get much less here' (reproduced with permission from Marsh *et al.*).³⁵

The level of work required to prepare for a break experienced by some parents could have a negative impact on the intended benefits:

... it might be more work ... to get everything organised, to get your folders and your drugs, your feeds ... and then I think by the time you get here sometimes ... I find it's nearly more tiring for me.

PO4 parent⁵⁹

Several factors contributed to inequalities of access to services, including specific LSC, age, ethnicity and geographical location. The mother of a 28-year-old man with Duchenne muscular dystrophy observed the following:

... there is no respite/hospice provision in our area or the whole of Scotland suitable for my son apart from CHAS's [Children's Hospice Association Scotland] services'.⁶⁵

The inability of services to accommodate bulky equipment or fully grown young adults was also cited as a barrier to access for some service users:

Barriers to accessing alternative respite care increase as the young person grows physically larger or requires bulky equipment that cannot easily be accommodated in other locations. These issues can make it difficult, if not impossible, to visit or stay with informal carers, such as extended family members, or to be cared for in other care settings, including the homes of foster carers.²⁷

Although limited evidence is available, service provider opinion from one source suggests that current respite care services may not be meeting the needs of particular BAME communities, as 'the apparently low usage of services for particular ethnic minority communities indicates a potential problem of unmet need' (reproduced with permission from Marsh et al.).³⁵

The lack of evidence from service users of BAME communities suggests that their respite care needs may be under-represented and that inequalities of access to respite care services needs further work:

'We need ethnically diverse services, [they are] seen as a white service'. Commissioners and service planners have a duty to assess the needs of their populations and this will mean pushing them on this group that has low volume, high cost problems and needs closer scrutiny.

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Barriers relating to transition from child to adult respite services

A key factor in achieving intended service outcomes that benefit users is provision of a service that is developmentally appropriate for the young adult:

Mothers said they benefited from time alone or with other family members in the knowledge that the specialist short break service met the needs and preferences of their child as they made the transition to adult services.⁶¹

However, the transition from child to adult respite services may be traumatic for young adults and their parents, involving the stress of uncertain service provision and, in some cases, the total loss of services. This subtheme presents evidence relating to both the 'anticipated' loss of services during transition planning and 'actual' loss of services. The perspectives of young adults, parents and service providers are included. There was no evidence identified relating to inequalities for loss of service provision, although the inequality of access to appropriate services between children and adult services is highlighted by the experience of young adults and their families.

Anticipated loss of respite services

The fear of not having access to acceptable respite care and of 'having nowhere to go once [children's hospice] say he's too old to go there' (reproduced with permission from Abbott and Carpenter)⁷³ was shared by parents, with some wondering how they would cope.^{27,35,59,61,67,73,102} One parent expressed their concerns as follows:

Once my daughter leaves respite at 23 we have nothing else to transfer to as her needs are so complex. We will basically have no respite at all and I am my daughters full time carer I do not have a care package in place either.

Parent 2⁷⁵

Service providers also anticipated increasing service demand as both young adult service users and their parents age:

... as these children are getting older, the parents are getting older as well, and are maybe not fit to do what they could've when the young people were younger, so it's almost they need more respite.

S02 staff⁵⁹

Part of the fear of the loss of access to children's hospice provision centred on the lack of suitable alternatives 'as the equivalent service doesn't really exist in the adult world' (adult hospice 13)⁶⁷ and being 'offered an old people's home'.⁶¹ One source specifically focused on the challenges of providing emergency respite care and how 'if a family phones today, no-one would be able to put care in tomorrow' (hospice staff)²⁷ outside of the children's hospice because of the complexity of the medical condition of the young adult and the need for an appropriately educated workforce. This view was shared by parents, who were aware that the limited alternatives of hospital or residential care homes were not appropriate for young adults. One parent spoke of how this would not be optimal for their daughter:

It's not appropriate for [young adult name] to go into a nursing home. Her anxiety – it would be detrimental to her health . . . and ours, 'cause there'd be none of that continuity of care, they wouldn't know her.

Parent²⁷

The anticipated loss of services described above was of great concern to young adults, parents and service providers. Lack of access to a suitable replacement service was widely reported and identified as a significant barrier to young adults accessing respite care in the future.^{22,27,35,59,61,64,73,75}

Actual loss of respite services

Young adults who had experienced the actual loss of respite services described feeling bereft:

I didn't have anywhere to go after I left the children's hospice, just at home doing not a lot, feeling a bit isolated.

YPO2⁵⁹

This was mirrored in other evidence where young adults who had previously accessed services were keenly aware of what they had lost:

I valued my time in the children's hospice so much and hate that there is not a suitable service for me now.

Young adult 1⁷⁵

For one young adult, transition to adult services resulted in them feeling trapped at home, accompanied by a perceived lack of understanding from their local commissioners:

I wish the CCG would see how vital it is for me to leave the house and enjoy days out, events and so on. The CCG say I never need to leave the house. I wish I had a more suitable care package and respite support to enable me to enjoy days out and things.

Young adult 2⁷⁵

For families, an integral part of transition into adult services had been this service loss.^{22,35,59,63,64,73} One parent, whose child had lost service access, described the Beyond Horizon service as 'a lifeline' 'when they had nobody to turn to – it's like everything is just stopped!' (P05 parent).⁵⁹

The sudden loss of health services and not being able to access respite when their child turned 18 years old was not uncommon:

We've gone from 28 nights a year respite . . . and four hours a week . . . now E's turned 18 that has all stopped . . . we've no adult budget, . . . no care plan, . . . no support package, there's just nothing . . . we're just in the black hole of nowhere . . . everybody seems to be discharging her.

Parent participant O6²²

One parent perceived the withdrawal of respite services as a clear sign of service inequality:

[Children's hospice] is being taken away from us and there is absolutely nothing to replace it. We went overnight from having the perfect support system to absolutely nothing . . . If [our son] had cancer, it would be a totally different story but because he was born this way then it doesn't pull at people's heart strings. He can't voice how he feels and show people what a special chap he is. The time in our lives when we need help and support – there is nothing available.

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The loss of services for young adults also had an impact on the wider family, especially when a children's hospice had previously provided holistic care for the whole family, including siblings.²⁷ Parents spoke of the loss of benefits that the whole family were no longer able to experience following transition and loss of respite care for their young adult:

Chance for him to socialise with other young people. We got a chance to do the same, get rest and recovery in our own home. His teenage sibling also had the opportunity to have friends around as he wouldn't do so when his brother was present.

Parent 6⁷⁵

A parent who experienced loss of planned residential care for their young adult after they had transitioned spoke of the subsequent loss of any respite from the burden of their caring role for the rest of the family:

The adult hospice is setting up a young adult care service which includes social and emotional support, but which currently lacks funding for any non-emergency or end of life overnight care. We have no break as a family overnight, and our son needs frequent care at night.

Parent 10⁷⁵

Loss of services was described by service providers as a 'fall off the shelf' (professional 14).²⁷ Staff working to support young adults through transition have reported the impact of a lack of services on families:

We have looked for a suitable place for [young man] to have short breaks for the three years since he was 18 and had to leave the children's service. Unfortunately, this has meant that he has had no break in that time and neither have his parents boat trip was.

Care manager⁷⁶

Key barriers that precipitated the actual loss of respite services for young adults following transition primarily related to the lack of age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate adult facilities, and a 'lack of knowledgeable and experienced staff' (manager, hospice, Northern Ireland).⁷⁴

Acceptability of services

The evidence in this theme relates to the expectations and preferences of young adults, parents and service providers' views of an acceptable respite service. The evidence for this theme came from nine respite care types (i.e. residential short breaks,^{27,59–61,64,67} residential respite in a specialist disability facility,⁶² residential respite in a nursing home,⁶¹ home-based day care,⁶⁹ home-based overnight care,⁶⁹ day-care respite at a specialist facility,⁶³ organised recreational activities,^{59,63} funded holidays⁶³ and emergency respite in a specialist facility²⁷) and two generic categories (i.e. non-specific service^{35,65,73} and multiple respite services^{27,60,63,67}).

The perspectives of young adults, parents and service providers are presented separately within each subtheme, although there was a high degree of consistency between these groups. One account of service inequalities was identified, relating to the acceptability of services for young adults from BAME communities. The acceptability of services has three subthemes: (1) trust and relationships, (2) flexible and tailored services and (3) developmentally appropriate services.

Trust and relationships

Accounts from young adults, parents and service providers highlighted trust and good relationships as a core component of acceptable respite services. These values promoted confidence in safe, high-quality service provision. This trust and confidence in services was deemed necessary to mitigate negative outcomes, such as the worry, stress and anxiety associated with use of residential, short breaks and emergency respite services.

The development of trusted relationships between young adults, their parents and staff was considered an essential element of an acceptable respite service. This trust was influenced by confidence in there being appropriately trained staff providing care to the young adults:

I mean they do have people there who have obviously got a lot of knowledge on things and it is nice if you ever have any questions about something, like there is somebody there who is really good about gastrostomies and everything.

Andrew, age 19 years. Reproduced with permission from Martin House Research Centre⁶⁰

Young adults appreciated services that fostered a sense of normality and felt like ‘... a second home’.⁶² Relationships developed during repeated short breaks and residential camps, which provided continuity and consistency of service, enabled young adults to feel valued and form strong bonds building trust and confidence in the service:

I just get so attached to seeing everybody and everything.⁶²

Respite services that could foster these meaningful relationships within a ‘home’ environment were perceived by young adults as ‘unique in what they do’ (YP01).⁵⁹

Close and trusted relationships that developed between service users and staff also supported the growing independence of young adults by enabling daily choices and decision-making, which in turn enriched their experience of the service.⁶³

Likewise, partnership working between parents and key workers fostered trust in respite staff and carers and was felt to be ‘the single most important enabler for ensuring that children and families are well supported’ (reproduced with permission from Martin House Research Centre)⁶⁰ and that services were delivered in an acceptable way. Trust in short break and respite services was a ‘big thing’ for parents⁵⁹ and this was facilitated by good relationships with staff that parents trusted. Medication was a vital area where parents needed confidence in the staff to support their young adult appropriately:

I wouldn't even leave him for five minutes elsewhere. I don't let nobody do his medication. But as I say when I bring him here [hospice], I never worry.

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The impact of positive relationships with staff on parents’ trust and confidence in the quality of care provided was an important facilitator for respite care of young adults.^{59–61,63} An example given by one mother was:

There's a nurse there who would use their initiative if he needed to go to hospital.⁶¹

Parents considered a lack of trust and perceived lack of clinical competence as a source of anxiety:

I would be too stressed in case they did not do the right thing.⁶⁹

Ultimately, this could result in the poor uptake of services:

Families rejected the possibility of using informal carers such as family, friends and neighbours, even in an emergency, due to them lacking the level of skill, experience, physical strength or confidence to provide high quality care for the young person.²⁷

The need for established and trusted relationships was also recognised by service providers, who acknowledged the need for young adults to 'like the professionals and feel like it is reciprocated, to have someone on their side' (reproduced with permission from Abbott and Carpenter).⁷³

Flexible and tailored services

Services were viewed as acceptable by young adults, parents and providers when they offered a degree of flexibility and adaptability to the individual needs and wishes of the young adult. Flexible services that are sensitive to the needs of individuals were seen to offer choice and control to young adults, which in turn supported the development of independence, as discussed in the above theme.

Young adults valued day centre respite services that could offer some flexibility and choice in the activities that they were involved in, so that they felt enabled to make decisions, rather than being 'constrained by a structured activity programme':⁶³

... basically you get to do what you want really. Like you don't have to do certain things, you can do anything you like.

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Young adults also felt valued by having a degree of control or choice over their respite service provision, for example, as one young adult noted, by 'employing people to help me and stuff, like when we go on holidays'⁶³ or, as another noted, by having 'support workers who can also drive my [adapted] van ... so I can decide on the day where I'm going'.⁶¹

There was limited evidence regarding parents' perceptions of service flexibility, although there were positive reports of planned short break services that did not require parents to stick to strict timetables, for example 'having to be in for [staff] handover time at 9.00 pm'.⁶¹

Service providers acknowledged the need for a variety of services to meet the 'growing cohort of young people'⁶⁷ with life-limiting illnesses or complex needs and recognised that 'what suits one young person will not always be appropriate for another'.⁶⁵ Therefore, a spectrum of opportunities was seen as required to provide flexible individually tailored respite care to meet young adult needs, including 'short breaks, brokered breaks, specialist tourism services, building-based respite and adult hospice provision' (adult hospice 22).⁶⁷ Young adults and their families would then be able to choose and control their support needs 'adapted to their age and changing need from a new national pot' (reproduced with permission from Marsh et al.).³⁵

Developmentally appropriate services

Young adults, parents and service providers all acknowledged that, for services to be acceptable, they should be designed and developed with young adults' interests, life course stage and needs in mind. Involving young adults and families in the development or planning of services was encouraged to improve the acceptability of the service to its users. Owing to limited developmentally appropriate or age-appropriate options, young adults were being cared for alongside very young children or elderly adults.

Services that understood the needs of young adults according to their age and developmental stage were viewed positively by young adults:

As you grow up, they let you grow up and treat you your age, and you don't get that anywhere else.⁶²

Young adults sought residential respite services that offered peer interaction, but also valued carers of a similar age and sex to themselves, with shared interests 'such as watching sport and gaming'.⁶³

Age-inappropriate services were deemed unacceptable, such as respite care in residential homes for the elderly and activities that did not align with the young adult's interests or preferences. These negative experiences typically resulted in cessation or reduction of service use:

Specialist day services tended to be geared towards much older people and/or those with learning disabilities. The activities offered in these settings did not align to the young person's interests or preferences, and they had nothing in common with the others attending. This experience typically resulted in the young person stopping using a service, or reducing their use of it.

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Attending respite in services designed for the elderly resulted in young adults being apprehensive about accessing the service:

I thought I was just going to end up in a really bad [elderly] care home, which I kind of did.

Young adult male aged 23 years⁶¹

Some of the experiences of respite in a care home were very poor:

Well, if I am being honest, it was like prison . . . it was just miserable. I didn't look forward to going in. It was the fact I was shut in a room. The staff didn't really have time to talk to me or anything.

Young adult male aged 19 years⁶¹

Adult hospices, generally, did not fare well when compared with children's services. Young adults who had experienced services at adult hospices, when they were no longer eligible to access children's hospices, described adult hospices as 'not the same at all' and said that they 'just don't like going there as much' (reproduced with permission from Abbott and Carpenter).⁷³

Young adults could be inhibited socially as a result of a service being provided, which did not meet their needs for developmentally appropriate services:

In the worst scenarios, there were relationships with much less warmth or humanity: carers from an agency which required staff always to wear uniforms, thus inhibiting the young person from going out in public with them; and the carers who came to one young man's home at 9 p.m. every night to, 'put him to bed' so that he did not have an evening social life.

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Parents valued services that enabled their young adult to spend time away from home, as many young adults would at a similar stage of their life course:

He's 22 and doesn't want his mum and dad around him all the time.

Mother⁶¹

However, parents described challenges in finding services for their young adult that were developmentally appropriate. Placing a young adult aged 19 years in a residential nursing home for a short break was described as 'not suitable'⁵⁹ and 'not appropriate'²⁷ because of the lack of continuity of care and potential for staff not being experienced in the complex conditions of young adults. Elderly care homes or nursing homes were seen to be old-fashioned and did not facilitate age-appropriate short breaks:

. . . he needs to be around kids his own age, to be able to go out and not just sit in a chair and stare out of a window.⁶¹

. . . no disrespect to the elderly but my son's not an old person.

Parent⁶⁵

Some young adults with complex needs were offered specialist day services or weekend breaks aimed at people with learning disabilities.⁶³

The focus on end-of-life care and 'strong connotations of death' (reproduced with permission from Abbott and Carpenter)⁷³ associated with adult hospices was off-putting to families and 'not age appropriate'.⁶⁵ There was a perceived 'mismatch between families' expectations of a service and what the adult hospice services primarily provided (end-of-life care, symptom management).⁶⁷

Additionally, a lack of resources, whether that be in staffing numbers or equipment provision, could result in a negative experience with a service:

I could not fault them as carers when he was in respite at [name of service] but he never got out on trips ... if a nurse left the place there was no nurse left to care for the others. There would be maybe a couple of board games around the table ... but they didn't have a sensory room and things to stimulate him.

*Mother*⁶¹

Service providers were very aware of the preferences of young adults and parents for age-appropriate services and the challenges in being cared alongside elderly people:

Our families and young people say - they want a service - but they are often put off by the older persons accessing this type of care [adult hospice]. They are wanting a bespoke service often with children's [hospices] extending their remit.

Children's hospice 10⁶⁷

The positive impact of age-appropriate and novel life experiences was noted by one member of staff and illustrates the need for activities outside the clinical care setting to overcome a sense of marginalisation and alienation from peer groups:

The boat trip was carefully risk assessed but no one bothered to tell us that once on the water the boatman would go as fast as the young adults wanted to go! The River Tyne is a very windy place. I was responsible for the risk assessment and watching from the river side as the boat skimmed the waves was an unforgettable experience! The young adults loved the whole thing. One of them said to me, 'They don't let people like us do this kind of thing'.⁷⁶

As highlighted in the independence and empowerment theme, the interest and value of service users being involved in the development of services to ensure that they are fit for purpose has merit for the young adults involved, as well as ensuring that services are designed to meet the needs of the users. When designing future services, working 'with young people and families in co-producing changes' to ensure that they are appropriate was considered essential (reproduced with permission from Marsh *et al.*).³⁵

Implementation, delivery and reliability of services

This theme relates to the implementation, delivery and the commissioning of respite care services for young adults. The evidence for this theme has been drawn from two respite service types (i.e. residential short breaks^{59-61,64,67,75,76} and residential respite in a specialist disability facility⁶²) and two generic categories (i.e. non-specific services³⁵ and multiple respite services^{60,67,75}). The perspectives of young adults, parents and service providers are presented across the theme. There was no evidence found of service inequalities. The theme has two subthemes: (1) appropriately trained and experienced staff and (2) challenges for commissioning and delivering respite care for young adults.

Appropriately trained and experienced staff

The need for appropriately trained and experienced staff was acknowledged as a vital resource for the implementation and delivery of young adult respite care services by young adults, parents and service providers:^{64,67,75}

Ensuring an appropriately trained and skilled workforce . . . there is a need for upskilling of their staff to ensure they can meet the needs of these young people who can present with a range of medical complexities.

Adult hospice 22⁶⁷

However, young adults reported facing particular challenges in finding appropriately staffed respite care services to support their complex needs, often resulting in no service being provided:

There's a distinct lack of respite services, especially for those like myself with complex needs. Many places cannot provide 1 : 1, enteral tube feeding/Hickman line/TPN [Total Parenteral Nutrition] trained nurses. The young adult hospice we fought to get funding for is great, but it was so far away and it'd take months of planning for up to 5 days respite . . . Because I have very complex and specialist needs, it's hard to find places who can take me.

Young adult 2⁷⁵

Service providers also acknowledge the challenge of staff being equipped to provide care for young adults with complex needs, and the need for appropriate training and experience to support staff confidence with this population:

The ones who are dual trained like myself, who have looked after adults, it's quite easy for them to do that. But the girls who have never looked after anybody over the age of, say 16/17, it's hard for them to get into the mindset of being an adult looking after an adult.

Staff member. Reproduced with permission from Young et al.⁶⁴

Parents who have experienced children's respite care want young adult services to be comparable to children's services. Being within a reasonable travelling distance of the same standard of care as children's hospices and having appropriately trained and experienced staff are key facilitators of young adult services being viewed as acceptable:

Families expressed a desire for the quality of care provided at home and closer to home to be of the standard received from their children's hospice.

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Lack of appropriately trained staff can lead to a poor experience for the young adult and parents. Poor experiences such as 'medication errors occurring and a lack of understanding about [the young adult's] clinical condition' may also serve to undermine confidence in services.⁶¹

Challenges for commissioning and delivering respite care for young adults

This subtheme relates to the challenges of balancing demand and limited resources when commissioning and delivering respite care services for young adults. The perspectives of parents and service providers are included. No evidence from young adults was found on this topic.

The impact of funding and commissioning constraints on respite services was reported by families and service providers.^{35,59,61,62,67} An exemplar of this was reduction in services. For example, the reduction of a residential camp service from the usual 2 weeks to only 1 week was a source of disappointment and frustration for young adult service users, as it reduced participation in a valued community.⁶² Similarly, the influence of financial limitations on specific service choices was noted by parents, who reported having felt under pressure 'to agree to short breaks that cost much less than those provided by the [individual care package] service'.⁶¹

Service providers highlighted inequalities in the funding and commissioning of services across the lifespan due to 'inconsistencies between requirements to pay for respite care in child, young person's and adult hospices in 3rd sector' (reproduced with permission from Marsh *et al.*).³⁵ These inequalities influenced the consistent delivery and sustainability of services, particularly when budget holders and commissioners were 'unwilling to pay the actual costs, or even half the actual costs of a short break' (children's hospice 3).⁶⁷ The challenges of commissioning and delivering services were perceived to be exacerbated by the low volume but high cost of care for this population. Some professionals spoke of how they needed to encourage commissioners and services to meet their assessment duties for the needs of young adults and for the resources to meet those needs.³⁵

A lack of clarity and understanding of commissioning processes among the health-care community was also noted by one parent:

Funding issues are a bit of a mystery to doctors who find it difficult to understand that commissioners will only pay one third of the cost of care in the service, whilst paying the full cost in other settings.

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Funding and capacity issues were identified as the key barriers to the development and provision of developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate respite services for young adults.⁶⁷ Owing to services being overstretched, many adult hospices did not have the capacity, finance or staff to extend their service to young adults or to make it a priority.⁶⁷ One of the respondents from an adult hospice stated:

Finance is the biggest challenge. Most young adults are 100% health funded and commissioners do not have enough young people with complex life limiting conditions in their area for this to be a priority before, or unless, there is a crisis.

Adult hospice 23⁶⁷

Similar challenges were reported by the Marie Curie Hospice service, with one medical director commenting that the adult service was:

... not equipped or resourced to engage with young people who may have very high expectations of extended support to make the most of their lives, physically, psychologically and socially. Providing respite care for this group of people, for example, could have significant implications for our ability to look after other people who have more clearly defined needs for palliative care.

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Section 3: harms identified in the evidence due to poor respite care provision

Although there were many benefits and key outcomes identified for young adults, their parents and wider family, several harms were also identified in the qualitative evidence. The harms described are a consequence of inappropriate settings and timing of the respite care, and of staff providing the respite care being viewed as lacking the appropriate training and experience for young adults with complex needs.

Parents experienced an increase in their level of stress or anxiety when a service was not viewed as being acceptable for a young adult because of inappropriateness or a lack of trust in the service and staff. This negative impact on their psychological well-being reduced their service use, even if it was the only service available, as it did not have the desired outcomes, and so the potential harms were perceived to outweigh the benefits.

For example, young adults who experienced care in settings designed for older people, such as day services or nursing homes, had a poor experience due to unmet needs, and negative psychological impact, and typically stopped or reduced their service use. Young people did not wish to be accompanied in public by staff in uniforms and this restricted their ability to socialise. Limited service schedules also had a negative impact on age-appropriate experiences of young adults, for example being 'put to bed' at 9 p.m. caused distress and limited opportunities to socialise.

A key outcome was for young adults to have the opportunity to spend time away from the family and, consequently, for the family to have quality time together without providing care. If respite was offered within the home only, it could lead to frustration and distress, as the service did not deliver the main outcomes wanted and so needs were not fulfilled.

Poor service experiences reported by parents and young adults have also included concerns about medication errors (a reportable harm) and lack of understanding of the young adult's condition because of poor staff training, which is not a foundation for safe care and the prevention of harm.

The loss of trusted and reliable services, such as children's hospices, particularly during transition to adult services, had a considerable detrimental impact on the well-being of young people and their families. The harms articulated by young adults included feeling trapped in their homes and despair at having nowhere to go. They also lost opportunities to socialise, develop independence, learn new skills and have time away from their family, which, again, affected their health and psychological well-being. Parents spoke of no longer being able to rest and recuperate and losing their 'lifeline'⁵⁹ at a time when the need for family support was most urgent. Loss of respite care also had an impact on siblings, who lost dedicated time to maintain family bonds, with the potential for similarly detrimental effects on the health and well-being of the wider family.

Summary discussion

The benefits and outcomes identified for young adults in the qualitative evidence were numerous and varied, including the promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, and the enhancement of their holistic well-being. The main benefits and outcomes experienced by parents included time to rest and recuperate to build resilience to continue providing care, spending time engaging in interests or hobbies, and time with partners and other children who are acknowledged as missing out when they have a sibling who has complex needs. The reported benefits of the respite were underpinned by the need for trust in the standard and quality of care that would be provided to the young adult by the respite care service.

The main facilitators of ensuring that a service was accessible and acceptable to young adults, parents and providers included a range of psychological and practical factors:

- The building of trust and valued relationships between families and the respite care service to establish confidence in the care provided.
- Enabling young adults to spend time with their peers away from home, with choice and control over their activities and routines.
- For respite care services to be developmentally appropriate and age appropriate, providing suitable accommodation, activities and staff for the individual life course stages and abilities of young adults.
- For the standard of care of adult respite care to be comparable to a children's hospice and within a reasonable travelling distance.

It was highly desirable for young adults and families to be engaged in the planning of respite care services to ensure that respite care services are fit for purpose and delivered in a flexible and individualised way, and to ensure that a choice of respite care types can be accessed with a range of activities on offer.

The barriers to accessing and using a service as acceptable included many of the opposite psychological and practical factors. This included a lack of trust and clinical credibility between families and the respite care service if the standard of care was viewed as inadequate (especially around important areas of care such as medication) and the lack of respite care services available to young adults, which sometimes resulted in no respite care for the family. Likewise, lack of access to appropriate services could result in

young adults being able to access respite only in settings that were not developmentally or age appropriate, such as care homes for the elderly or adult hospices, with activities that did not suit young adult interests, creating a mismatch between service users' expectation and the actual service provision. The mismatch was more acute if the young adult had previously accessed a children's hospice where their expectations were met. Service providers also highlighted the lack of service use by BAME communities, suggesting a level of unmet need and access barriers that need to be understood and addressed.

Several harms were identified in the evidence because of the lack of appropriate respite care services. Young adults and their parents and siblings experienced negative impact on their psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care, frustration and distress at needs not being met appropriately, lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence, exhaustion for parents, and, ultimately, the detrimental effects on the health and well-being of all the family due to the reduction or complete loss of any respite care service at a time when the young adult and family may have increasing need for it.

Chapter 7 Discussion

This two-stage mixed-methods review has made a substantial contribution to our knowledge and evidence on respite care for young adults. We created a knowledge map of respite care services, developed 13 logic models of different types of respite care from a broad range of sources, identified clear gaps in the evidence for effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of respite care, synthesised relevant policy and synthesised qualitative evidence (including barriers to and facilitators of implementation of respite care for young adults with complex health-care or disability needs). All stages and findings of the review have been informed and validated by young adults with complex health-care needs, parents and service providers of respite care through the SG and PAG. The discussion summarises the evidence by methodological stream and by type of respite care, identifying where it aligns with policy intentions, and concludes with the implications for policy and practice, and prioritised recommendations for future research.

Summary of evidence by stream

This section summarises the results from each of the four evidence streams.

UK policy and guidance (evidence stream 4)

Twenty sources^{26,30,88-93,98,99,110,111,114-118,128,129,131} of UK policy and NFPO guidance were included from all four nations in the UK and national organisations (e.g. TfSL). Guided by regulatory and statutory frameworks (e.g. the *Care Act 2014*⁴³) that stipulate the obligations of local authorities providing publicly funded care and support, the intention of service providers was similar across the UK. As children become adults, legal duties and priorities shift from child-focused policies aimed at the holistic needs of the child and their family^{26,88,90,131} to policies directed at the provision of breaks for carers.^{43,93,118} This shift in focus may influence the appropriate provision of respite care for young adults, as it depends on continuing NHS health-care status and may result in lack of support for siblings, unless they are identified as young carers in their own right. We identified seven key features of respite care policy:

1. Accessibility to respite care through early planning and assessment (policy 1).
2. Provision of respite care acceptable to service users (policy 2).
3. The need for outcome-focused services with local data monitoring and performance indicators (policy 3).
4. Clear eligibility criteria and information about the provision of respite care (policy 4).
5. Multiagency and integrated working to support the transition to adult services (policy 5).
6. Equitable and planned funding and commissioning to shape the market and local service provision (policy 6).
7. Service user involvement in the planning and delivery of respite care services (policy 7).

Policy intentions have been mapped on to the main findings of the review to highlight alignment with the experience of service users and gaps in the evidence.

Effectiveness of respite care/short breaks (evidence stream 1)

There was an absence of evidence on the effectiveness of respite care for our population. The lack of quantitative evidence of effectiveness, for example from clinical trials and non-randomised studies, highlights the need for new research. Measuring effectiveness of an intervention such as respite care, which is multifaceted in its mode of delivery, range of stakeholder and beneficiaries, and broad-ranging outcomes, is complex. It is unlikely that one or two outcomes or performance indicators would fit all types of respite care services, and core outcomes may need to be tailored to the specific services. Respite care services should be evaluated in the context of a package of care and support that may

include informal services (e.g. recreational activities) as well as formal services, which in turn may influence the impact of the individual components. A range of quantitative outcome measures to establish effectiveness/cost-effectiveness, along with qualitative indicators to characterise the service experiences of young adults and their families, and long-term service outputs to monitor service use and uptake for providers, would capture the impact of services from a number of perspectives. Establishing a set of core outcomes and performance indicators to gather data would allow for comparison and learning across areas, enabling services to demonstrate service impact (policy 3).^{26,114} Studies comparing no services with current services or comparing different types of respite care services used by young adults would help to determine which services are meeting policy intentions, delivering their intended intervention outcomes and meeting the outcomes prioritised by young adults and their carers. Future studies should also include a broad age range of young adults, reflect relevant services and report the findings for different age groups and different needs to build the evidence of effectiveness for young adults. This will support the development of evidence to help optimise service provision responsive to the needs of this complex population, which also fulfils policy intentions.

Health economics and the costs of care (evidence stream 2)

There was an absence of evidence on the health economic or broader cost implications of providing respite care, either for a given service or the relative cost comparisons between services. The screened evidence did not meet our review inclusion criteria, as it did not focus on the costs of respite services or the attribution of cost was unclear and therefore the evidence could not be included.

The lack of evidence that met our inclusion criteria highlights the dearth of research in this area, despite previous research finding only a handful of studies of the economic impact of different models of care for children with complex needs, which did not include cost specifically for respite care.¹³⁶ Although we did not find any formal health economics studies that met our review criteria, we did find a limited amount of information on projected costs of care in response to our call for evidence. This young adult respite service has been piloted and evaluated, and so updated figures based on implementation will be available in due course [URL: www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/how-we-can-help/hospice-care/young-adult-service/short-break-unit/ (accessed 9 December 2020)]. The business plan included provision of 47 residential three-night weekends over 12 months (i.e. Friday afternoon to Monday morning), based on two young adults aged 18–40 years sharing a room. The projected annual costs of £123,625 included registered nurses and health-care assistants, a multidisciplinary assessment, use of the day unit and facilities at the hospice, meals and 20 hours for a co-ordinator role. In addition, the business plan forecast £11,589 for annual training of 10 staff members.¹²³

Despite the lack of health economic evidence, it is worth noting that UK unit costs for respite care and short breaks for disabled children up to age 18 years are reported elsewhere.¹³⁷ The cost of providing a similar respite care service for young adults with similar complex care needs is unlikely to be significantly different from the reported unit costs for those aged < 18 years. This is because the service costs are mainly driven by the staffing ratios required to provide the appropriate care to someone with a complex health-care condition, rather than chronological age. Some illustrative unit costs of £35 per day for activity days, £420 per week for residential care and £1,000 per week for a longer break were also reported by the Welsh Government, although these figures are 10 years old and not for complex care.¹³⁵ The costs of respite care for children with congenital conditions and chromosomal disorders who have complex needs that require specialist care are higher than the average costs for short breaks for children with less complex conditions.¹³⁶ The costs of respite care for young adults with complex needs, due to comorbidities or the use of specialist technology, are also likely to be higher than average, and escalate according to the complexity of the young person's needs, as a consequence of the requirement for specialist staff and increased staffing ratios.

Absence of evidence on the absolute and relative costs of different types of respite care for young adults highlights the need for studies that compare the economic costs of this service variation. This is particularly salient in view of the increasing prevalence of lower cost respite provision that can

accommodate more people, such as organised recreational activities, but would be unsuitable for many of the young adults with complex health-care needs. Moreover, the benefits of respite services for young adults with complex needs may be multidimensional and involve a range of outcomes for the young person and the wider family. The economic implications of these wider benefits should not be disregarded. Comparative studies of different types of respite care that incorporate measures of cost-effectiveness are vital to ensure that the balance of costs, individual needs and experienced outcomes are reported to inform evidence-based commissioning and the provision of services.

Performance indicators and outcome measures that capture unintended consequences and harms, as well as benefits, are needed (policy 3). In addition, capturing unit and cost-effectiveness data would provide evidence for the socioeconomic argument for respite care as an intervention and to inform future commissioning (policy 6). Appropriate economic indicators would increase understanding of how cost-effective respite care can support quality of life for the young adult and their parents. This information could also support service planning and commissioning to prevent the breakdown of care that can result in crisis hospital admissions and the detrimental impact on the physical and mental health of family carers, including the impact on educational attainment of siblings. Quantifiable measures may include comparison of unit costs for different respite care services and comparison of the cost of regular respite care with health-care costs for emergency interventions (policies 3 and 6).

Experience and attitudes (evidence stream 3)

We searched for quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods evidence reporting the experience of young adults, families and providers of respite care services and their attitudes towards the services provided. No quantitative or mixed-method evidence that met the inclusion criteria was found. Twenty qualitative sources across 27 records^{22,27,35,41,59-76,102,103,107-109} met the review inclusion criteria. These included peer-reviewed academic journal papers, NFPO reports and evaluation reports of funding schemes for respite care that included limited qualitative evidence, although methods were not reported. The quality of each source of evidence was assessed using the CASP checklist for qualitative research, and GRADE-CERQual was used to assess the confidence in synthesised qualitative findings (see *Table 4*). The key findings for each of the themes identified in the data were assessed, with a high confidence rating attributed to most findings. The evidence captured the perspectives of young adults, parents, wider family and service providers via professionals. However, it is worth noting that only 20% of participants were young adults ($n = 175$) and 1% were siblings ($n = 12$), highlighting the need for future work to include the views and experiences of young adults and siblings to ensure that their voice is heard about their access and experience of care, and wishes for future services (policies 1, 2, 5 and 7).

Evidence by respite type

Evidence for 10 of the 13 types of respite services identified in the knowledge map met the review inclusion criteria, ranging from one source¹² for residential respite in a nursing home to nine sources^{27,41,59-61,64,67,71,76} for residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice). Much of the excluded literature on respite care for those with physical disabilities focused on children and young people up to the age of 18 years. However, some evidence captured in the knowledge map and review included respite care services with broad inclusion criteria for young adults with complex health-care needs due to life-limiting conditions and disability.

Given the prevalence of residential respite for young people in children's hospices, with upper age limits of early 20s, it is not surprising that the largest volume of evidence was for this type of care. The largest number of benefits and reported outcomes for young adults, parents and wider family were for residential respite care because of the holistic nature and intensity of the respite provided. The evidence suggests that where young adults can access residential respite care that meets their needs it also meets the policy intention of providing accessible and acceptable care, with clear

information about the service and eligibility criteria (policies 1, 2 and 4). Given that care needs continue or increase as children grow into adults, the benefits of respite care for young adults and their families will be similar. The whole family also benefited when the young adult attended residential respite in a specialist disability facility.^{62,68}

Although a range of different services were included in the knowledge map, there was limited evidence for respite care in nursing homes, home-based daytime and overnight care, day care at a specialist facility, befriending, holidays and emergency residential respite care in a specialist service. Although additional detail on service specification and the experience of these types of respite care would add to our current understanding, we should prioritise further evidence on services associated with harm. Only one source⁶³ directly reported on young adults' experiences of residential respite in a nursing home. It was considered an unacceptable service setting for young adults and this was indirectly supported by several other sources of evidence.^{27,63,75}

Adequate provision of emergency care is a source of anxiety and uncertainty for young adults, families and service providers, but our review included only two sources^{27,67} on the experience of emergency residential respite in a specialist facility, such as a hospice. For those who previously accessed respite care through children's hospices, this emergency support was considered more valuable by parents, often above planned respite care, because of the lack of a safe and appropriate alternative.²⁷ The lack of evidence on emergency respite care suggests that more research is needed in this area. Lack of appropriate emergency respite care can result in unplanned hospital admissions or the provision of inappropriate care in a setting unfamiliar with these types of young adults and the care they require, such as residential care homes, which may be unsafe for this population. The need for confidence in emergency respite care is key to parents' well-being, and the continuity and appropriateness of care is vital for young adults to receive safe care. Following discharge or transition from children's hospices, planned respite care should include the provision of emergency respite.^{3,27} More evidence is needed to evaluate how current planning and services meet the requirements of the *Care Act 2014* for commissioning and provision of safe, acceptable, user-friendly and integrated services for young adults and their families (policies 1, 2, 5 and 6). There was a greater perceived risk of potential harms associated with inappropriate care settings compared with other service settings (such as the negative psychological and physical impact on young people and families), again highlighting the need for future research.

The evidence matrix and the logic models that form the conceptual framework illustrate the gaps in the evidence base and the need for new research (see *Appendices 8–20*). We did not find evidence for host family/fostering respite, emergency respite provided in the home or hospital, or host family emergency respite to complete the logic models, but the service aims, resources and intended outcomes in the model demonstrate the programme theory for these types of services. The gaps in the evidence for these three types of respite care may be because of the relative novelty of host family/fostering.

There was a lack of longitudinal evidence to facilitate exploration of long-term outcomes and achievement of planned, regular respite care for young adults. Much of the evidence was a cross-sectional snapshot of experiences, although the limited evidence from regular service users demonstrates the accrued benefits of planned, regular respite care, particularly residential care, for the whole family.

The review has two incomplete evidence streams because of the lack of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness data, but decision-makers also need information on the feasibility and acceptability of interventions to understand implementation factors and equity of service provision.¹³⁸ Qualitative research can be a key source of complementary evidence on these issues, along with benefits and harms, because of its holistic view of people's experiences, values and preferences. Therefore, although we acknowledge that there are some limitations in the evidence, we discuss the key findings in terms of the review questions and prevailing policy landscape. Owing to the varying levels of evidence

between the different types of respite care and the consistency of themes across services, the evidence synthesis focused on the main benefits, harms and outcomes experienced by service users or providers, and the main barriers to and facilitators of access to respite care.

Benefits of respite care for young adults and parents

The evidence suggests many positive outcomes of respite care for young adults, their parents and wider family. Respite care facilitated the development of independence and empowerment for young adults in a number of ways, all of which enhanced their overall well-being. This included the following:

- Creating opportunities to make choices and engage in a range of different activities.
- Increasing opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, which reduced isolation and reinforced peer groups.
- Encouraging contribution to service development.
- Enabling time away from parents.

The main benefits experienced by parents included time to rest and recuperate, time spent on personal interests and having a break from their 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7), caring responsibilities, which reduced physical and psychological strain, and built resilience to continue providing care. Respite care also acts as a support mechanism for the wider family, helping to re-establish family cohesion with partners and other children, maintaining the family unit and building resilience within the family to meet the challenges of providing care.

The benefits reported by young adults, or by their parents as proxies, align with the stated intention of most respite services for young adults identified in the logic models. The outcomes for parents and the wider family are often not stated explicitly by services, but could be viewed as secondary to the benefits aimed at the young adults. Outcomes used to measure the successful delivery of services are often not clearly defined in policy documents, but commissioning guidance documents define outcomes as measurable benefits due to an intervention that can be categorised at an individual, service or strategic level.¹²⁸ The evidence suggests that this is partially fulfilled through service evaluations that include the experiences of service users (policies 1–3). Additional measures are needed to facilitate comparison and learning between different types of services, so that their effectiveness and impact can be assessed (policies 3, 5 and 6).^{26,114} There was little evidence found on individual and carer assessments, despite this underpinning all policy intentions for accessibility of services (policy 1) or views on the provision of service information (policy 4), which is worthy of future exploration.

Facilitators of delivering and accessing respite care for young adults

The main facilitators for a service to be viewed as accessible and acceptable to young adults, parents and providers were the building of trust and valued relationships between families and respite care service to establish confidence;^{27,59,60,62–64,69,73} enabling young adults to spend time with their peers away from home with choice and control over their activities and routines;^{59–65} for respite care services to be developmentally appropriate and age appropriate, providing suitable accommodation, activities and staff;^{35,61–63,67} and for the standard of care of adult respite care to be comparable to a children's hospice and within a reasonable travelling distance.^{60,67} Engaging young adults and families in the planning of respite care services was considered key to ensuring that services were fit for purpose.^{35,61} Parents also expressed a preference for flexible service working practices.

Policy from all nations states that children, young people and young adults with additional needs, such as complex health-care and disability needs, should have equitable access to short breaks as a

core component of palliative care, with medical and nursing input as required.^{26,88,91,92,111,115,128,131}

The care should comply with national standards,⁹⁸ be fit for purpose and age appropriate,⁹¹ and should be delivered as close to home as possible.⁹⁸ Many of the facilitators described by young adults and their families are consistent with policy intentions; however, service equity and consistency according to need was variable, with many needs not met following transition to adult services.

The policy intention for a range of services at different times to suit the needs of young adults and carers^{114,118} was supported to an extent for those who had access to respite care (policy 1). The availability of services varied both within and between different types of respite care (policies 1 and 2) and provision was patchy, often with an upper age limit not much above age 25 years. The knowledge map and evidence review revealed an increase in a range of organised activities, described as respite care, which was confirmed through consultation with review stakeholders. This type of respite care is viewed as a lower-cost service that can accommodate a large number of young adults, making it attractive to commissioners and providers. However, young adults with more complex health-care needs may not be able to access this type of care and it does not offer the opportunity for an overnight break, which may be a primary need for the wider family to rest and build resilience. The policy intention to draw on the experiences and knowledge of carers and families when planning services^{26,91,114,117,118,131} was supported by evidence from the development of a new service for young adults (policy 7).

Barriers to delivering and accessing respite care for young adults

For some families, there were practical barriers to accessing respite care that affected the quality of their experiences, including the volume and complexity of paperwork, a delay between referral and service provision, the distance between their home and the service, limited access to condition-specific services and lack of appropriately trained staff.^{35,61,65,67,71} The lack of physical space for equipment in some services meant that respite care could not be offered to young adults who were dependent on specialist technology.²⁷ We found very little evidence on the uptake and experience of services by BAME populations, an area that requires further work to ensure that equitable access is provided for all young adults, including traditionally marginalised communities.³⁵ Service professionals also spoke of needing to encourage commissioners and services to meet the assessment needs of young adults so that respite care could be provided.³⁵ Likewise, parents felt under pressure to agree to short breaks that cost much less than those provided by individualised care package services.⁶¹ These barriers represent a shortfall in the intention of policies to deliver an equitable, accessible and acceptable respite care service (policies 1 and 2). However, the most significant barrier to achieving a consistent and reliable respite care service for young adults was the transition from children to adult services.

Impact of service transition on the experience of respite care for young adults

Following transition to adult services, the picture of who can access appropriate respite care is less positive. Policy and guidance documents set out a range of expectations around transition, aligned with the transition duties within the *Care Act 2014*, which require local authorities to recognise the need for phased and timely transitions of young people.^{26,128} This includes the need to assess the future adult social care, education and health needs of young people and their carers, provided the young person consents to assessment and it is in their best interests.^{26,114,128}

Respite, including short breaks, should be included in proactive planning for transition, with consideration of the needs of young adults and their parents/carers in the most appropriate settings.^{114,129} A lead professional or key worker should co-ordinate the care plan and transition of care.^{91,115} The intention is to avoid inequitable access to respite care for young adults with complex needs as they approach transition, particularly as this is a time when young adults and their families

have an increased need for respite support.^{91,129} This policy also acknowledges that the needs of young adults differ from those of young children and that tailored respite and hospice services are needed.¹¹¹

Despite these intentions, the evidence review captured many stories of young adults unable to access any respite care because of ineligibility for adult services, where the focus is primarily on symptom management and end-of-life care. Others could access respite in inappropriate settings only, such as nursing homes or adult hospices, which are not tailored to their interests or complex health-care needs.^{59,61,63,75} These findings are not consistent with the policy intention for accessible or acceptable respite care (policies 1 and 2). Young adults and parents experienced both the 'anticipated' loss of services during transition planning and the 'actual' loss of services after transition. The main barriers to respite care after transition were the lack of developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate adult services and the lack of a knowledgeable and experienced staff to provide safe care for young adults with complex health-care needs.^{60,64,67,75} Yet, despite the anticipated increased service demand as both young adults and their parents age, there are a lack of suitable alternatives for planned and emergency respite. This could result in a range of potential harms for young adults, parents and the wider family, and for service providers supporting young adults through transition. The recent Department of Health and Social Care-commissioned report on services for children and young adults requiring long-term ventilation (i.e. some of the most technically complex needs) also notes the disappearance of respite services for this specific group post transition.¹³⁹

The reduction in or complete loss of respite care services at a time of particular need had a negative impact on the psychological well-being of young adults, their parents and siblings, including stress and anxiety due to safety concerns, frustration and distress about unfulfilled needs, and detrimental effects on the health and well-being of the wider family.

Further work on service development and implementation is required to ensure that the policy intention of acceptable and safe respite care being available to all young adults who are assessed as requiring it can be met.^{26,88,91,92,111,115,128,131} Equally, without appropriate respite care for the young adults, parents assessed as needing a break would be unable to do so, falling short of the policy intention to provide respite for all parents and not just those in a direct caring role (policies 1 and 2).^{26,88,90-92,99,110,114,116-118,128,131} Most of the evidence focuses on residential respite, partly because of the provision by some children's services to those aged over 18 years old. However, once young adults reach the maximum age for a particular children's hospice, they have limited choices, if any. The majority of providers do not offer the whole-family-oriented residential respite offered by children's hospices.

Young adults, parents and providers acknowledged that, for services to be acceptable and to improve outcomes for young adults, they should be designed and developed with young adults' interests, life course stage and needs in mind. Young adults wish to spend time with peers and staff of a similar age and sex to themselves. Respite care should provide opportunities for the wider family to spend time together or engage in their own social activities with a break from care, including overnight services. Involving young adults and parents in the development or planning of services was encouraged to improve the acceptability of the service to service users.

Funding and commissioning of services

Funding, commissioning and capacity issues were identified as key barriers to the development and provision of appropriate respite services for young adults. Providers spoke of inequalities in the funding and commissioning of services across the lifespan because of inconsistencies between requirements to pay for respite care in hospices for children, young people and adults in third sector and lack of understanding of the commissioning process.^{35,67} Service providers and commissioners face challenges in providing appropriate, safe and acceptable respite care and short break services to a population that is considered small and disparate. The small number but high needs of this population

creates particular challenges for local funding and services to meet demand, particularly when young adults and parents have different respite care needs. Children and adult hospices lack the funding and capacity to provide all the care needed, requiring joined-up working with statutory and NHS support to meet current and future need. Partnership working to optimise use of physical and staff resources is key to the development and sustainability of respite care services for young adults, including emergency respite care, and requires service planning, commissioning and co-ordination on a regional scale.⁶⁷ Regional working is supported by policy recommendations for commissioners and services across all sectors to explore ways of working together, but we identified little evidence of these types of shared working practices (policies 5 and 6). We identified little evidence of service integration and innovation for the knowledge map (policy 5), but as services evolve in response to local demand this may become more prevalent, with a market-shaping steer from commissioners (policy 6).

Strengths and limitations of the review

We included a broad range of evidence in the review to address multiple and interrelated policy- and practice-related questions concerning the provision of respite care. The protocol was peer reviewed and published in PROSPERO. We used a comprehensive systematic search, conducted by a highly experienced information specialist, to identify potentially eligible studies. We searched multiple resources, including electronic databases, journals, conference proceedings, reference lists of included studies, citations of included studies, and trial registries, along with a call for evidence distributed internationally on social media and via team networks. We used the CLUSTER method to identify relevant studies and found four additional studies through key 'pearl' papers.^{30,64,76,121} Policy evidence on respite care for young adults with life-limiting conditions is a small part of a broader set of policy documents relating to care. Our use of two topic experts enabled identification of relevant policy around respite care for young adults and led to the addition of another 10 sources to the policy stream. The team was deliberately diverse, covering a range of discipline and method expertise to ensure capture and appropriate scrutiny of all relevant material. Two review authors independently assessed all studies, and at least one review author verified study selection and data extraction to minimise potential conflict-of-interest bias arising from inclusion of sources from review authors.

Patient and public engagement was extensive at all stages of the review and met the new UK standards for PPI involvement in research.¹⁴⁰ In addition to the report and peer-reviewed publications, outputs from the collaborative process include a short film on the needs of young adults with complex health care, developed with young adults, parents and providers, which is currently in final stage of production. An animation and a range of blogs will also be available on the study website.

The review has several limitations. Evidence selection was challenging because of the variable definitions used by diverse services and activities that encompass the term respite care. We included all sources that described any type of respite care for young adults aged ≥ 18 years in the knowledge map, and all sources that reported outcomes or benefits and harms for young adults or families in the main evidence review. Therefore, sources that included the term respite care and our population may have been excluded from the knowledge map because of insufficient detail on service specification or may have been excluded from the evidence review because outcomes were not reported. Despite the broad inclusion criteria, we identified both an absence of evidence and gaps in the evidence.

We recognise that the review includes only one type of evidence and a full assessment is therefore incomplete. Some papers may have been misclassified as not eligible for inclusion in this review, but at least two review authors independently assessed all studies and at least one review author verified the selection and information extracted from each source. Therefore, we are confident that we assessed study exclusion on the basis of consistent and appropriate criteria. For some full-text reports, it is possible that we could have extracted relevant information incorrectly, although at least two reviewers checked all information extraction to minimise errors. We did not contact source authors to obtain

further information because of resource constraints and this may have reduced the overall quality of the extracted information. Owing to the small number of included sources and the limited information they contained, we were unable to explore the impact of BAME subgroups on our findings.

Although caution is needed because of the quality of some evidence, the findings show the positive benefits and outcomes for the young adult, as well as their parents and wider family. However, to develop and deliver a respite service that meets the needs of young adults and their families in the best and most cost-effective way, evidence is required to better understand the costs and effectiveness of different respite care interventions and to explore how these benefits can be achieved for all young adults who require respite. To achieve this, future studies are needed with robust methods, embedded health economic measures, appropriate quantitative outcome measures and qualitative experience data to capture quality-of-life outcomes from larger samples. Gathering consistent evidence across service types would enable comparisons of the different types of respite care and support services and commissioners to ensure that the provision of respite care is based on high-quality evidence for the best outcomes at the best cost.

Chapter 8 Implications

The review identified several areas with implications for practice and policy, and provides recommendations for future research.

Implications for policy

Policy intentions are clearly stated in UK policy documents, but are more comprehensively applied to young people aged < 18 years, who can still access children's services, and who appeared to be better served by respite services that meet policy intentions. After the age of 18 years, and especially for those with the most complex of needs, policy intentions are not consistently fulfilled, and this imbalance needs to be addressed.

Implications for practice

- The findings suggest a lack of regular and local monitoring to support shared learning and comparison of services across regions, as recommended by policy. It would be beneficial to develop and agree a core set of outcomes measures to gather quantitative and qualitative measures for use across services. This would permit the collation of outcomes across a diverse and disparate population.
- More research and routine service evaluation is required to inform the planning and commissioning of appropriate respite care services for young adults. This could include an exploration of international initiatives and good practice to serve as a model for future provision.
- The evidence identified inequity of service provision before and after transition, and this needs to be understood and addressed by commissioners.

Recommendations for research

Several areas are recommended for future research to address gaps in the evidence (these are listed in order of priority).

- To establish the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of respite care for young adults, larger comparative longitudinal studies using robust methods are required, using quantitative and health economic measures to determine whether or not services work, and qualitative data to assess implementation, uptake and service experience. These studies should include BAME subgroups.
- Research on the uptake and impact of carer assessments on service provision to young adults and their parents is needed to improve the evidence base and inform practice.
- Further research is required on the impact of transition from children to adult services on respite care provision for young adults and breaks for their parents.
- Clearer reporting of populations and definitions in published research is needed to support capture of data from young adults with complex health-care needs included in mixed populations.

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Appendix 1 Respite review search strategies (all databases: September 2018)

MEDLINE

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Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

1. exp Respite Care/
2. exp Hospice Care/
3. exp HOSPICES/
4. exp "Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing"/
5. exp Day Care, Medical/
6. exp Night Care/
7. exp Intermediate Care Facilities/
8. exp Terminal Care/
9. exp HOLIDAYS/
10. "day* away".ti,ab.
11. "day care*".ti,ab.
12. "day centre".ti,ab.
13. "day center".ti,ab.
14. "day program".ti,ab.
15. "day service*".ti,ab.
16. holiday*.ti,ab.
17. "home support*".ti,ab.
18. hospice*.ti,ab.
19. "intermediate care".ti,ab.
20. "night care*".ti,ab.
21. "night-time care*".ti,ab.
22. "partial hospitalisation*".ti,ab.
23. "partial hospitalization*".ti,ab.
24. "relief care*".ti,ab.
25. "relief support".ti,ab.
26. "residential care".ti,ab.
27. "residential home*".ti,ab.
28. "residential facilit*".ti,ab.
29. respite*.ti,ab.
30. "short break*".ti,ab.
31. "short stay*".ti,ab.
32. "sitting service*".ti,ab.
33. "support program*".ti,ab.
34. "support scheme*".ti,ab.
35. "support service*".ti,ab.
36. "temporary admission*".ti,ab.
37. "temporary break*".ti,ab.

38. "temporary care*".ti,ab.
39. "temporary relief".ti,ab.
40. "temporary support*".ti,ab.
41. "short-term admission*".ti,ab.
42. "short-term break*".ti,ab.
43. "short-term care".ti,ab.
44. "short-term relief".ti,ab.
45. "short-term support*".ti,ab.
46. "time off".ti,ab.
47. vacation*.ti,ab.
48. "care service*".ti,ab.
49. "overnight stay*".ti,ab.
50. "home-based support*".ti,ab.
51. "befriend* service*".ti,ab.
52. "short-break foster*".ti,ab.
53. "adult placement scheme*".ti,ab.
54. "shared care".ti,ab.
55. "replacement care".ti,ab.
56. "family support".ti,ab.
57. or/1-56
58. exp Palliative Care/
59. exp Palliative Medicine/
60. exp Terminally Ill/
61. exp Heart Failure/
62. exp MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, DUCHENNE/
63. exp Neoplasms/
64. exp Muscular Dystrophies/
65. exp Cerebral Palsy/
66. exp Spinal Dysraphism/
67. exp Cystic Fibrosis/
68. exp Disabled Persons/
69. exp Disabled Children/
70. exp Neurodegenerative Diseases/
71. exp Multiple Trauma/
72. exp Genetic Diseases, Inborn/
73. exp Chromosome Disorders/
74. exp "CONGENITAL, HEREDITARY, AND NEONATAL DISEASES AND
75. ABNORMALITIES"/
76. (advanc* adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
77. (advanc* adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
78. (advanc* adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
79. (advanc* adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
80. (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
81. (advanc* adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
82. (advanc* adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
83. (degenerative adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
84. (degenerative adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
85. (degenerative adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
86. (degenerative adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
87. (degenerative adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
88. (degenerative adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
89. (degenerative adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
90. (progressive adj3 disease*).ti,ab.

91. (progressive adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
92. (progressive adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
93. (progressive adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
94. (progressive adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
95. (progressive adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
96. (progressive adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
97. "diminished life expectancy".ti,ab.
98. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
99. cancer*.ti,ab.
100. duchenne.ti,ab.
101. dying.ti,ab.
102. "end of life".ti,ab.
103. ("end stage renal failure" or "end stage liver failure").ti,ab.
104. "heart failure".ti,ab.
105. incurable.ti,ab.
106. life-limit*.ti,ab.
107. "life limit*".ti,ab.
108. (life adj3 short*).ti,ab.
109. (live* adj3 short*).ti,ab.
110. "life threaten*".ti,ab.
111. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
112. LLC.ti,ab.
113. LLI.ti,ab.
114. "muscular dystroph*".ti,ab.
115. neoplasm*.ti,ab.
116. "neurodegenerative condition*".ti,ab.
117. "neurodegenerative disease*".ti,ab.
118. "neurodegenerative illness*".ti,ab.
119. "neurodegenerative disorder*".ti,ab.
120. "neurodegenerative abnormalit*".ti,ab.
121. "neurodegenerative impairment*".ti,ab.
122. "neurodegenerative handicap*".ti,ab.
123. oncology.ti,ab.
124. palliative.ti,ab.
125. "poor prognosis".ti,ab.
126. (serious* adj3 ill*).ti,ab.
127. (terminal* adj3 ill*).ti,ab.
128. (terminal* adj3 care*).ti,ab.
129. (terminal* adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
130. (terminal* adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
131. (terminal* adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
132. (terminal* adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
133. (terminal* adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
134. (terminal* adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
135. (genetic adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
136. (genetic adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
137. (genetic adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
138. (genetic adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
139. (genetic adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
140. (genetic adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
141. (genetic adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
142. (chromosomal adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
143. (chromosomal adj3 illness*).ti,ab.

144. (chromosomal adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
145. (chromosomal adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
146. (chromosomal adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
147. (chromosomal adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
148. (chromosomal adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
149. (congenital adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
150. (congenital adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
151. (congenital adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
152. (congenital adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
153. (congenital adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
154. (congenital adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
155. (congenital adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
156. "complex health* need*".ti,ab.
157. "early death*".ti,ab.
158. "cerebral pals*".ti,ab.
159. "spina bifida".ti,ab.
160. "cystic fibrosis".ti,ab.
161. encephalopath*.ti,ab.
162. disabilit*.ti,ab.
163. disabled.ti,ab.
164. handicap*.ti,ab.
165. spastic*.ti,ab.
166. "impaired motor skill*".ti,ab.
167. "spinal cord condition*".ti,ab.
168. "multiple trauma".ti,ab.
169. "acquired brain injur*".ti,ab.
170. "neurological condition*".ti,ab.
171. "neuromuscular condition*".ti,ab.
172. "multi-organ disease*".ti,ab.
173. neurodisabilit*.ti,ab.
174. or/58-172
175. "young adult*".ti,ab.
176. "young person".ti,ab.
177. "young people".ti,ab.
178. youth*.ti,ab.
179. "emerg* adult*".ti,ab.
180. "early adult*".ti,ab.
181. (child* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
182. (adolescen* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
183. (teenage* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
184. (paediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
185. (pediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
186. "college student*".ti,ab.
187. "university student*".ti,ab.
188. "post-secondary student*".ti,ab.
189. undergraduate*.ti,ab.
190. postgraduate*.ti,ab.
191. exp Young Adult/
192. exp ADOLESCENT/
193. exp ADULT/
194. exp FAMILY/
195. exp CAREGIVERS/
196. exp PARENTS/

197. famil*.ti,ab.
198. carer*.ti,ab.
199. caregiver*.ti,ab.
200. parent*.ti,ab.
201. grandparent*.ti,ab.
202. relative*.ti,ab.
203. relation*.ti,ab.
204. sibling*.ti,ab.
205. or/174-203
206. 57 and 173 and 204
207. limit 205 to yr = "2002 -Current"

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

EBSCOhost.

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

- S1 (MH "Respite Care")
- S2 (MH "Hospice Care")
- S3 (MH "Hospices")
- S4 (MH "Hospice and Palliative Nursing")
- S5 (MH "Day Care")
- S6 (MH "Child Day Care")
- S7 (MH "Night Care")
- S8 (MH "Terminal Care+")
- S9 (MH "Holidays")
- S10 TI "day* away"
- S11 AB "day* away"
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- S13 AB "day care*"
- S14 TI "day centre*"
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- S16 TI "day center*"
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- S105 (MH "Palliative Care")
- S106 (MH "Terminally Ill Patients+")
- S107 (MH "Heart Failure")
- S108 (MH "Muscular Dystrophy+")
- S109 (MH "Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne+")
- S110 (MH "Neoplasms+")
- S111 (MH "Cerebral Palsy")
- S112 (MH "Spina Bifida")
- S113 (MH "Cystic Fibrosis")
- S114 (MH "Disabled+")
- S115 (MH "Multiple Trauma")
- S116 (MH "Neurodegenerative Diseases+")
- S117 (MH "Chromosome Disorders")
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- S126 TI advanc* N3 disorder*
- S127 AB advanc* N3 disorder*
- S128 TI advanc* adj3 abnormalit*

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 S132 TI advanc* N3 handicap*
 S133 AB advanc* N3 handicap*
 S134 TI degenerative N3 disease*
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 S148 TI progressive N3 disease*
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 S151 AB progressive N3 illness*
 S152 TI progressive N3 condition*
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 S158 TI progressive N3 impairment*
 S159 AB progressive N3 impairment*
 S160 TI progressive N3 handicap*
 S161 AB progressive N3 handicap*
 S162 TI "diminished life expectancy"
 S163 AB "diminished life expectancy"
 S164 TI "limited life expectancy" OR AB "limited life expectancy"
 S165 TI duchenne
 S166 AB duchenne
 S167 TI dying
 S168 AB dying
 S169 TI "end of life"
 S170 AB "end of life"
 S171 TI "end stage renal failure"
 S172 AB "end stage renal failure"
 S173 TI "end stage liver failure"
 S174 AB "end stage liver failure"
 S175 TI "heart failure"
 S176 AB "heart failure"
 S177 TI incurable
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S186 AB live* N3 short*
S187 TI "life threaten*"
S188 AB "life threaten*"
S189 TI "limited life expectancy"
S190 AB "limited life expectancy"
S191 TI LLC
S192 AB LLC
S193 TI LLI
S194 AB LLI
S195 TI "muscular dystroph*"
S196 AB "muscular dystroph*"
S197 TI neoplasm*
S198 AB neoplasm*
S199 TI "neurodegenerative disease*"
S200 AB "neurodegenerative disease*"
S201 TI "neurodegenerative condition*"
S202 AB "neurodegenerative condition*"
S203 TI "neurodegenerative illness*"
S204 AB "neurodegenerative illness*"
S205 TI "neurodegenerative disorder*"
S206 AB "neurodegenerative disorder*"
S207 TI "neurodegenerative abnormalit*"
S208 AB "neurodegenerative abnormalit*"
S209 TI "neurodegenerative impairment*"
S210 AB "neurodegenerative impairment*"
S211 TI "neurodegenerative handicap*"
S212 AB "neurodegenerative handicap*"
S213 TI oncology
S214 AB oncology
S215 TI palliative
S216 AB palliative
S217 TI "poor prognosis"
S218 AB "poor prognosis"
S219 TI serious* N3 ill*
S220 AB serious* N3 ill*
S221 TI terminal* N3 ill*
S222 AB terminal* N3 ill*
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S278 TI "complex health* need*"
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S282 TI "cerebral pals*"
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S284 TI "spina bifida"
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S286 TI "cystic fibrosis"
S287 AB "cystic fibrosis"

S288 TI encephalopath*
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 S290 TI disabilit*
 S291 AB disabilit*
 S292 TI disabled
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 S294 TI handicap*
 S295 AB handicap*
 S296 TI spastic*
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 S298 TI "impaired motor skill*"
 S299 AB "impaired motor skill*"
 S300 TI "spinal cord condition*"
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 S308 TI "neuromuscular condition*"
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 S310 TI "multi-organ disease*"
 S311 AB "multi-organ disease*"
 S312 TI neurodisabilit*
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 S315 (MH "Young Adult")
 S316 (MH "Adolescence+")
 S317 (MH "Adult+")
 S318 (MH "Family+")
 S319 (MH "Caregivers")
 S320 (MH "Parents+")

S321 (MH "Students, Graduate")
S322 (MH "Students, Undergraduate")
S323 (MH "Students, College")
S324 (MH "Grandparents")
S325 (MH "Siblings")
S326 (MH "Extended Family")
S327 TI "young adult*"
S328 AB "young adult*"
S329 TI "young person"
S330 TI "young person"
S331 TI "young people"
S332 AB "young people"
S333 TI youth*
S334 AB youth*
S335 TI "emerg* adult*"
S336 AB "emerg* adult*"
S337 TI "early adult*"
S338 AB "early adult*"
S339 TI child* N3 transition N3 adult*
S340 AB child* N3 transition N3 adult*
S341 TI adolescen* N3 transition N3 adult*
S342 AB adolescen* N3 transition N3 adult*
S343 TI teenage* N3 transition N3 adult*
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S345 TI paediatric* N3 transition N3 adult*
S346 AB paediatric* N3 transition N3 adult*
S347 TI pediatric* N3 transition N3 adult*
S348 AB pediatric* N3 transition N3 adult*
S349 TI "college student*"
S350 AB "college student*"
S351 TI "university student*"
S352 AB "university student*"
S353 TI "post-secondary student*"
S354 AB "post-secondary student*"
S355 TI undergraduate*
S356 AB undergraduate*
S357 TI postgraduate*
S358 AB postgraduate*
S359 TI famil*
S360 AB famil*
S361 TI carer*
S362 AB carer*
S363 TI caregiver*
S364 AB caregiver*
S365 TI parent*
S366 AB parent*
S367 TI grandparent*
S368 AB grandparent*
S369 TI relative*
S370 AB relative*
S371 TI relation*
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S373 TI sibling*

S374 AB sibling*

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S376 S104 AND S314 AND S375

S377 S104 AND S314 AND S375 Limit 2002-2018

EMBASE

Ovid.

Date searched:

Date range searched: 1996 to week 38 2018.

Search strategy

1. exp respite care/
2. exp hospice care/
3. exp hospice/
4. exp "HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING"/
5. exp "DAY CARE, MEDICAL"/
6. exp day care/
7. exp night care/
8. exp terminal care/
9. "day* away".ti,ab.
10. "day care*".ti,ab.
11. "day centre*".ti,ab.
12. "day center*".ti,ab.
13. "day program*".ti,ab.
14. "day service*".ti,ab.
15. holiday*.ti,ab.
16. "home support*".ti,ab.
17. hospice*.ti,ab.
18. "intermediate care".ti,ab.
19. "night care*".ti,ab.
20. "night-time care*".ti,ab.
21. "partial hospitalisation*".ti,ab.
22. "partial hospitalization*".ti,ab.
23. "relief care*".ti,ab.
24. "relief support".ti,ab.
25. exp "RESIDENTIAL CARE"/
26. "residential care*".ti,ab.
27. exp "RESIDENTIAL HOME"/
28. "residential home*".ti,ab.
29. "residential facilit*".ti,ab.
30. respite*.ti,ab.
31. "short break*".ti,ab.
32. "short stay*".ti,ab.

33. "sitting service*".ti,ab.
34. "support program*".ti,ab.
35. "support scheme*".ti,ab.
36. "support service*".ti,ab.
37. "temporary admission*".ti,ab.
38. "temporary break*".ti,ab.
39. "temporary care*".ti,ab.
40. "temporary relief".ti,ab.
41. "temporary support*".ti,ab.
42. "short-term admission*".ti,ab.
43. "short-term break*".ti,ab.
44. "short-term care*".ti,ab.
45. "short-term relief".ti,ab.
46. "short-term support*".ti,ab.
47. "time off".ti,ab.
48. vacation*.ti,ab.
49. "care service*".ti,ab.
50. "overnight stay*".ti,ab.
51. "home-based support*".ti,ab.
52. "befriend* service*".ti,ab.
53. "short-break foster*".ti,ab.
54. "adult placement scheme*".ti,ab.
55. "shared care".ti,ab.
56. "replacement care".ti,ab.
57. "family support".ti,ab.
58. or/1-57
59. exp palliative therapy/
60. exp terminally ill patient/
61. exp heart failure/
62. exp muscular dystrophy/
63. exp duchenne muscular dystrophy/
64. exp neoplasm/
65. exp cerebral palsy/
66. exp spinal dysraphism/
67. exp cystic fibrosis/
68. exp disabled person/
69. exp handicapped child/
70. exp multiple trauma/
71. exp degenerative disease/
72. exp chromosome disorder/
73. exp congenital disorder/
74. exp genetic disorder/
75. (advanc* adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
76. (advanc* adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
77. (advanc* adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
78. (advanc* adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
79. (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
80. (advanc* adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
81. (advanc* adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
82. (degenerative adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
83. (degenerative adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
84. (degenerative adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
85. (degenerative adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.

86. (degenerative adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
87. (degenerative adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
88. (degenerative adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
89. (progressive adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
90. (progressive adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
91. (progressive adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
92. (progressive adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
93. (progressive adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
94. (progressive adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
95. (progressive adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
96. "diminished life expectancy".ti,ab.
97. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
98. cancer*.ti,ab.
99. duchenne.ti,ab.
100. dying.ti,ab.
101. "end of life".ti,ab.
102. "end stage renal failure".ti,ab.
103. "end stage liver failure".ti,ab.
104. "heart failure".ti,ab.
105. incurable.ti,ab.
106. life-limit*.ti,ab.
107. "life limit*".ti,ab.
108. (life adj3 short*).ti,ab.
109. (live* adj3 short*).ti,ab.
110. "life threaten*".ti,ab.
111. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
112. LLC.ti,ab.
113. LLI.ti,ab.
114. "muscular dystroph*".ti,ab.
115. neoplasm*.ti,ab.
116. "neurodegenerative disease*".ti,ab.
117. "neurodegenerative condition*".ti,ab.
118. "neurodegenerative illness*".ti,ab.
119. "neurodegenerative disorder*".ti,ab.
120. "neurodegenerative abnormalit*".ti,ab.
121. "neurodegenerative impairment*".ti,ab.
122. "neurodegenerative handicap*".ti,ab.
123. oncology.ti,ab.
124. palliative.ti,ab.
125. "poor prognosis".ti,ab.
126. (serious* adj3 ill*).ti,ab.
127. (terminal* adj3 ill*).ti,ab.
128. (terminal* adj3 care*).ti,ab.
129. (terminal* adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
130. (terminal* adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
131. (terminal* adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
132. (terminal* adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
133. (terminal* adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
134. (terminal* adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
135. (genetic adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
136. (genetic adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
137. (genetic adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
138. (genetic adj3 condition*).ti,ab.

139. (genetic adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
140. (genetic adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
141. (genetic adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
142. (chromosomal adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
143. (chromosomal adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
144. (chromosomal adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
145. (chromosomal adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
146. (chromosomal adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
147. (chromosomal adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
148. (chromosomal adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
149. (congenital adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
150. (congenital adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
151. (congenital adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
152. (congenital adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
153. (congenital adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
154. (congenital adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
155. (congenital adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
156. "complex health* need*".ti,ab.
157. "early death*".ti,ab.
158. "cerebral pals*".ti,ab.
159. "spina bifida".ti,ab.
160. "cystic fibrosis".ti,ab.
161. encephalopath*.ti,ab.
162. disabilit*.ti,ab.
163. disabled.ti,ab.
164. handicap*.ti,ab.
165. spastic*.ti,ab.
166. "impaired motor skill*".ti,ab.
167. "spinal cord condition*".ti,ab.
168. "multiple trauma".ti,ab.
169. "acquired brain injur*".ti,ab.
170. "neurological condition*".ti,ab.
171. "neuromuscular condition*".ti,ab.
172. "multi-organ disease*".ti,ab.
173. neurodisabilit*.ti,ab.
174. or/59-173
175. "young adult*".ti,ab.
176. "young person".ti,ab.
177. "young people".ti,ab.
178. youth*.ti,ab.
179. "emerg* adult*".ti,ab.
180. "early adult*".ti,ab.
181. (child* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
182. (adolescen* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
183. (teenage* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
184. (paediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
185. (pediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
186. "college student*".ti,ab.
187. "university student*".ti,ab.
188. "post-secondary student*".ti,ab.
189. undergraduate*.ti,ab.
190. postgraduate*.ti,ab.
191. exp "YOUNG ADULT"/

192. exp ADULT/
193. exp ADOLESCENT/
194. exp FAMILY/
195. exp CAREGIVER/
196. exp PARENT/
197. famil*.ti,ab.
198. carer*.ti,ab.
199. caregiver*.ti,ab.
200. parent*.ti,ab.
201. grandparent*.ti,ab.
202. relative*.ti,ab.
203. relation*.ti,ab.
204. sibling*.ti,ab.
205. exp SIBLING/
206. exp GRANDPARENT/
207. exp RELATIVE/
208. exp UNIVERSITY STUDENT/
209. exp COLLEGE STUDENT/
210. or/175-209
211. 58 and 174 and 210
212. limit 211 to yr = "2002 -Current"

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Search strategy

- S1 DE "Respite Care"
- S2 DE "Hospice"
- S3 DE "Child Day Care"
- S4 DE "Adult Day Care"
- S5 DE "Day Care Centers"
- S6 DE "Holidays"
- S7 TI "day* away"
- S8 AB "day* away"
- S9 TI "day care*"
- S10 AB "day care*"
- S11 TI "day centre*"
- S12 AB "day centre*"
- S13 TI "day center*"
- S14 AB "day center*"
- S15 TI "day program*"
- S16 AB "day program*"
- S17 TI "day service*"
- S18 AB "day service*"
- S19 TI holiday*
- S20 AB holiday*

S21 TI "home support*"
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S39 TI "residential care*"
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S41 TI "residential home*"
S42 AB "residential home*"
S43 TI "residential facilit*"
S44 AB "residential facilit*"
S45 TI respite*
S46 AB respite*
S47 TI "short break*"
S48 AB "short break*"
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S51 TI "sitting service*"
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 S94 AB "adult placement scheme*"
 S95 TI "shared care"
 S96 AB "shared care"
 S97 TI "replacement care"
 S98 AB "replacement care"
 S99 TI "family support"
 S100 AB "family support"
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 S102 DE "Palliative Care"
 S103 DE "Terminally Ill Patients"
 S104 DE "Muscular Dystrophy"
 S105 DE "Neoplasms" OR DE "Benign Neoplasms" OR DE "Breast Neoplasms" OR DE "Endocrine Neoplasms" OR DE "Leukemias" OR DE "Melanoma" OR DE "Metastasis" OR DE "Nervous System Neoplasms" OR DE "Terminal Cancer"
 S106 DE "Cerebral Palsy"
 S107 DE "Spina Bifida"
 S108 DE "Cystic Fibrosis"
 S109 DE "Multiple Disabilities"
 S110 DE "Neurodegenerative Diseases" OR DE "Alzheimer's Disease" OR DE "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" OR DE "Corticobasal Degeneration" OR DE "Dementia with Lewy Bodies" OR DE "Multiple System Atrophy" OR DE "Parkinson's Disease" OR DE "Semantic Dementia"
 S111 DE "Genetic Disorders" OR DE "Albinism" OR DE "Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease" OR DE "Chromosome Disorders" OR DE "Cornelia De Lange Syndrome" OR DE "Huntingtons Disease" OR DE "MELAS" OR DE "Neurofibromatosis" OR DE "Phenylketonuria" OR DE "Porphyria" OR DE

"Rh Incompatibility" OR DE "Sex Linked Hereditary Disorders" OR DE "Sickle Cell Disease" OR DE
 "Tay Sachs Disease" OR DE "Williams Syndrome"
 S112 DE "Chromosome Disorders" OR DE "Autosome Disorders" OR DE "Deletion (Chromosome)"
 OR DE "Sex Chromosome Disorders" OR DE "Translocation (Chromosome)" OR DE "Trisomy" OR DE
 "Williams Syndrome"
 S113 DE "Congenital Disorders" OR DE "Agenesis" OR DE "Cleft Palate" OR DE "Drug Induced
 Congenital Disorders" OR DE "Hermaphroditism" OR DE "Microcephaly" OR DE "Prader Willi
 Syndrome" OR DE "Spina Bifida"
 S114 DE "Encephalopathies" OR DE "Creutzfeldt Jakob Syndrome" OR DE "Leukoencephalopathy"
 OR DE "Toxic Encephalopathies" OR DE "Wernicke's Syndrome"
 S115 TI cancer*
 S116 AB cancer*
 S117 TI (advanc* N3 disease*)
 S118 AB (advanc* N3 disease*)
 S119 TI (advanc* N3 illness*)
 S120 AB (advanc* N3 illness*)
 S121 TI (advanc* N3 condition*)
 S122 AB (advanc* N3 condition*)
 S123 TI (advanc* N3 disorder*)
 S124 AB (advanc* N3 disorder*)
 S125 TI (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*)
 S126 AB (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*)
 S127 TI (advanc* N3 impairment*)
 S128 TI (advanc* N3 impairment*)
 S129 AB (advanc* N3 impairment*)
 S130 TI (advanc* N3 handicap*)
 S131 AB (advanc* N3 handicap*)
 S132 TI (degenerative N3 disease*)
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 S136 TI (degenerative N3 condition*)
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 S141 AB (degenerative N3 abnormalit*)
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 S144 TI (degenerative N3 handicap*)
 S145 AB (degenerative N3 handicap*)
 S146 TI (progressive N3 disease*)
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 S151 AB (progressive N3 condition*)
 S152 TI (progressive N3 disorder*)
 S153 AB (progressive N3 disorder*)
 S154 TI (progressive N3 abnormalit*)
 S155 AB (progressive N3 abnormalit*)
 S156 TI (progressive N3 impairment*)
 S157 AB (progressive N3 impairment*)

S158 TI (progressive N3 handicap*)
 S159 AB (progressive N3 handicap*)
 S160 TI ("diminished life expectancy")
 S161 AB ("diminished life expectancy")
 S162 TI ("limited life expectancy")
 S163 AB ("limited life expectancy")
 S164 TI duchenne
 S165 AB duchenne
 S166 TI dying
 S167 AB dying
 S168 TI ("end of life")
 S169 AB ("end of life")
 S170 TI "end stage liver failure"
 S171 AB "end stage liver failure"
 S172 TI "end stage renal failure"
 S173 AB "end stage renal failure"
 S174 TI "heart failure"
 S175 AB "heart failure"
 S176 TI incurable
 S177 AB incurable
 S178 TI life-limit*
 S179 AB life-limit*
 S180 TI "life limit*" ²
 S181 AB "life limit*" ²
 S182 TI (life N3 short*)
 S183 AB (life N3 short*)
 S184 TI (live* N3 short*)
 S185 AB (live* N3 short*)
 S186 TI ("life threaten*")
 S187 AB ("life threaten*")
 S188 TI "limited life expectancy"
 S189 AB "limited life expectancy"
 S190 TI (LLC)
 S191 AB (LLC)
 S192 TI (LLI)
 S193 AB (LLI)
 S194 TI "muscular dystroph*" ²
 S195 AB "muscular dystroph*" ²
 S196 TI neoplasm*
 S197 AB neoplasm*
 S198 TI ("neurodegenerative disease*")
 S199 AB ("neurodegenerative disease*")
 S200 TI ("neurodegenerative condition*")
 S201 TI ("neurodegenerative condition*")
 S202 AB ("neurodegenerative condition*")
 S203 TI ("neurodegenerative illness*")
 S204 AB ("neurodegenerative illness*")
 S205 TI "neurodegenerative disorder*" ²
 S206 AB "neurodegenerative disorder*" ²
 S207 TI "neurodegenerative abnormalit*" ²
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- #140 (genetic near/3 impairment*):ti,ab
- #141 (genetic near/3 handicap*):ti,ab
- #142 (chromosomal near/3 disease*):ti,ab
- #143 (chromosomal near/3 illness*):ti,ab
- #144 (chromosomal near/3 disorder*):ti,ab
- #145 (chromosomal near/3 condition*):ti,ab
- #146 (chromosomal near/3 abnormalit*):ti,ab
- #147 (chromosomal near/3 impairment*):ti,ab
- #148 (chromosomal near/3 handicap*):ti,ab
- #149 (congenital near/3 disease*):ti,ab

- #150 (congenital near/3 condition*):ti,ab
- #151 (congenital near/3 abnormalit*):ti,ab
- #152 (congenital near/3 illness*):ti,ab
- #153 (congenital near/3 impairment*):ti,ab
- #154 (congenital near/3 disorder*):ti,ab
- #155 (congenital near/3 handicap*):ti,ab
- #156 ("complex health* need*"):ti,ab
- #157 (early next death*):ti,ab
- #158 (cerebral next pals*):ti,ab
- #159 ("spina bifida"):ti,ab
- #160 ("cystic fibrosis"):ti,ab
- #161 encephalopath*:ti,ab
- #162 disabilit*:ti,ab
- #163 disabled:ti,ab
- #164 handicap*:ti,ab
- #165 spastic*:ti,ab
- #166 (impaired next motor next skill*):ti,ab
- #167 (spinal next cord next condition*):ti,ab
- #168 ("multiple trauma"):ti,ab
- #169 (acquired next brain next injur*):ti,ab
- #170 (neurological next condition*):ti,ab
- #171 (neuromuscular next condition*):ti,ab
- #172 (multi-organ next disease*):ti,ab
- #173 neurodisabilit*:ti,ab
- #174 {OR #58-#173}
- #175 MeSH descriptor: [Young Adult] explode all trees
- #176 MeSH descriptor: [Adult] explode all trees
- #177 MeSH descriptor: [Adolescent] explode all trees
- #178 MeSH descriptor: [Family] explode all trees
- #179 MeSH descriptor: [Caregivers] explode all trees
- #180 MeSH descriptor: [Parents] explode all trees
- #181 (young next adult*):ti,ab
- #182 "young person":ti,ab
- #183 "young people":ti,ab
- #184 youth*:ti,ab
- #185 (emerg* next adult*):ti,ab
- #186 (early next adult*):ti,ab
- #187 (child* near/3 transition near/3 adult*):ti,ab
- #188 (adolescen* near/3 transition near/3 adult*):ti,ab
- #189 (teenage* near/3 transition near/3 adult*):ti,ab
- #190 (paediatric* near/3 transition near/3 adult*):ti,ab
- #191 (pediatric* near/3 transition near/3 adult*):ti,ab
- #192 (college next student*):ti,ab
- #193 (university next student*):ti,ab
- #194 (post-secondary student*):ti,ab
- #195 undergraduate*:ti,ab
- #196 postgraduate*:ti,ab
- #197 famil*:ti,ab
- #198 carer*:ti,ab
- #199 caregiver*:ti,ab
- #200 parent*:ti,ab
- #201 grandparent*:ti,ab
- #202 relative*:ti,ab

- #203 relation*:ti,ab
- #204 sibling*:ti,ab
- #205 {OR #175-#204}
- #206 #57 AND #174 AND #205

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Search strategy

1. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Respite Care EXPLODE ALL TREES
2. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Hospice Care EXPLODE ALL TREES
3. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Hospices EXPLODE ALL TREES
4. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing EXPLODE ALL TREES
5. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Day Care, Medical EXPLODE ALL TREES
6. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Night Care EXPLODE ALL TREES
7. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Intermediate Care Facilities EXPLODE ALL TREES
8. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Terminal Care EXPLODE ALL TREES
9. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Holidays EXPLODE ALL TREES
10. ("day* away") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
11. ("day care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
12. ("day centre*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
13. ("day center*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
14. ("day program*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
15. ("day service*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
16. (holiday*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
17. ("home support*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
18. (hospice*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
19. ("intermediate care") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
20. ("night care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
21. ("night-time care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
22. ("partial hospitalisation*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
23. ("partial hospitalization*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
24. ("relief care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
25. ("relief support") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
26. ("residential care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
27. ("residential home*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
28. ("residential facilit*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
29. (respite*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
30. ("short break*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
31. ("short stay*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
32. ("sitting service*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
33. ("support program*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
34. ("support scheme*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
35. ("support service*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
36. ("temporary admission*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
37. ("temporary break*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
38. ("temporary care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
39. ("temporary relief") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA

40. ("temporary support*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
41. ("short-term admission*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
42. ("short-term break*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
43. ("short-term care*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
44. ("short-term relief") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
45. ("short-term support*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
46. ("time off") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
47. (vacation*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
48. ("care service*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
49. ("overnight stay*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
50. ("home-based support*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
51. ("befriend* service*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
52. ("short-break foster*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
53. ("adult placement scheme*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
54. ("shared care") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
55. ("replacement care") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
56. ("family support") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
57. #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31 OR #32 OR #33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36 OR #37 OR #38 OR #39 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42 OR #43 OR #44 OR #45 OR #46 OR #47 OR #48 OR #49 OR #50 OR #51 OR #52 OR #53 OR #54 OR #55 OR #56
58. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Palliative Care EXPLODE ALL TREES
59. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Palliative Medicine EXPLODE ALL TREES
60. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Terminally Ill EXPLODE ALL TREES
61. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Heart Failure EXPLODE ALL TREES
62. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Muscular Dystrophies EXPLODE ALL TREES
63. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne EXPLODE ALL TREES
64. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Neoplasms EXPLODE ALL TREES
65. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Cerebral Palsy EXPLODE ALL TREES
66. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Spinal Dysraphism EXPLODE ALL TREES
67. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Cystic Fibrosis EXPLODE ALL TREES
68. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Disabled Persons EXPLODE ALL TREES
69. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Disabled Children EXPLODE ALL TREES
70. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Neurodegenerative Diseases EXPLODE ALL TREES
71. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Multiple Trauma EXPLODE ALL TREES
72. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Genetic Diseases, Inborn EXPLODE ALL TREES
73. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Chromosome Disorders EXPLODE ALL TREES
74. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Congenital, Hereditary, and Neonatal Diseases and Abnormalities EXPLODE ALL TREES
75. (advanc* adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
76. (advanc* adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
77. (advanc* adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
78. (advanc* adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
79. (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
80. (advanc* adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
81. (advanc* adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
82. (degenerative adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
83. (degenerative adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
84. (degenerative adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
85. (degenerative adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
86. (degenerative adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
87. (degenerative adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA

88. (degenerative adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
89. (progressive adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
90. (progressive adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
91. (progressive adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
92. (progressive adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
93. (progressive adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
94. (progressive adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
95. (progressive adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
96. ("diminished life expectancy") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
97. ("limited life expectancy") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
98. (cancer*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
99. (duchenne) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
100. (dying) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
101. ("end of life") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
102. ("end stage renal failure") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
103. ("end stage liver failure") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
104. ("heart failure") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
105. (incurable) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
106. (life-limit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
107. ("life limit*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
108. (life adj3 short*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
109. (live* adj3 short*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
110. ("life threaten*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
111. ("limited life expectancy") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
112. (LLC) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
113. (LLI) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
114. ("muscular dystroph*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
115. (neoplasm*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
116. ("neurodegenerative condition*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
117. ("neurodegenerative disease*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
118. ("neurodegenerative illness*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
119. ("neurodegenerative disorder*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
120. ("neurodegenerative abnormalit*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
121. ("neurodegenerative impairment*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
122. ("neurodegenerative handicap*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
123. (oncology) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
124. (palliative) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
125. ("poor prognosis") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
126. (serious* adj3 ill*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
127. (terminal* adj3 ill*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
128. (terminal* adj3 care*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
129. (terminal* adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
130. (terminal* adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
131. (terminal* adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
132. (terminal* adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
133. (terminal* adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
134. (terminal* adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
135. (genetic adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
136. (genetic adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
137. (genetic adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
138. (genetic adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
139. (genetic adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
140. (genetic adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA

141. (genetic adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
142. (chromosomal adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
143. (chromosomal adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
144. (chromosomal adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
145. (chromosomal adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
146. (chromosomal adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
147. (chromosomal adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
148. (chromosomal adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
149. (congenital adj3 disease*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
150. (congenital adj3 illness*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
151. (congenital adj3 disorder*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
152. (congenital adj3 condition*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
153. (congenital adj3 abnormalit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
154. (congenital adj3 impairment*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
155. (congenital adj3 handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
156. ("complex health* need*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
157. ("early death*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
158. ("cerebral pals*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
159. ("spina bifida") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
160. ("cystic fibrosis") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
161. (encephalopath*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
162. (disabilit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
163. (disabled) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
164. (handicap*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
165. (spastic*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
166. ("impaired motor skill*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
167. ("spinal cord condition*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
168. ("multiple trauma") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
169. ("acquired brain injur*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
170. ("neurological condition*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
171. ("neuromuscular condition*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
172. ("multi-organ disease*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
173. (neurodisabilit*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
174. #58 OR #59 OR #60 OR #61 OR #62 OR #63 OR #64 OR #65 OR #66 OR #67 OR #68 OR #69 OR #70 OR #71 OR #72 OR #73 OR #74 OR #75 OR #76 OR #77 OR #78 OR #79 OR #80 OR #81 OR #82 OR #83 OR #84 OR #85 OR #86 OR #87 OR #88 OR #89 OR #90 OR #91 OR #92 OR #93 OR #94 OR #95 OR #96 OR #97 OR #98 OR #99 OR #100 OR #101 OR #102 OR #103 OR #104 OR #105 OR #106 OR #107 OR #108 OR #109 OR #110 OR #111 OR #112 OR #113 OR #114 OR #115 OR #116 OR #117 OR #118 OR #119 OR #120 OR #121 OR #122 OR #123 OR #124 OR #125 OR #126 OR #127 OR #128 OR #129 OR #130 OR #131 OR #132 OR #133 OR #134 OR #135 OR #136 OR #137 OR #138 OR #139 OR #140 OR #141 OR #142 OR #143 OR #144 OR #145 OR #146 OR #147 OR #148 OR #149 OR #150 OR #151 OR #152 OR #153 OR #154 OR #155 OR #156 OR #157 OR #158 OR #159 OR #160 OR #161 OR #162 OR #163 OR #164 OR #165 OR #166 OR #167 OR #168 OR #169 OR #170 OR #171 OR #172 OR #173 22950 Delete
175. #57 AND #174
176. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Young Adult EXPLODE ALL TREES
177. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Adolescent EXPLODE ALL TREES
178. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Adult EXPLODE ALL TREES
179. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Family EXPLODE ALL TREES
180. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Caregivers EXPLODE ALL TREES
181. MeSH DESCRIPTOR Parents EXPLODE ALL TREES
182. ("young adult*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA

183. ("young person") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
184. ("young people") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
185. (youth*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
186. ("emerg* adult*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
187. ("early adult*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
188. ((child* adj3 transition adj3 adult*)) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
189. ((adolescen* adj3 transition adj3 adult*)) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
190. ((teenage* adj3 transition adj3 adult*)) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
191. ((paediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*)) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
192. ((pediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*)) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
193. ("college student*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
194. ("university student*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
195. ("post-secondary student*") IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
196. (undergraduate*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
197. (postgraduate*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
198. (famil*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
199. (carer*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
200. (caregiver*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
201. (parent*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
202. (grandparent*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
203. (relative*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
204. (relation*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
205. (sibling*) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA
206. #176 OR #177 OR #178 OR #179 OR #180 OR #181 OR #182 OR #183 OR #184 OR #185 OR #186 OR #187 OR #188 OR #189 OR #190 OR #191 OR #192 OR #193 OR #194 OR #195 OR #196 OR #197 OR #198 OR #199 OR #200 OR #201 OR #202 OR #203 OR #204 OR #205
207. #175 AND #206
208. (#207) IN DARE, NHSEED, HTA FROM 2002 TO 2018

Web of Science

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Search strategy

- # 1 TOPIC: ("day* away" OR "day care*" OR "day centre*" OR "day center*" OR "day program*" OR "day service*" OR holiday* OR "home support*" OR hospice* OR "intermediate care" OR "night care*" OR "night-time care" OR "partial hospitalisation*" OR "partial hospitalization*" OR "relief care*" OR "relief support" OR "residential care*" OR "residential home*" OR "residential facilit*" OR respite* OR "short break*" OR "short stay*" OR "sitting service*" OR "support program*" OR "support scheme*" OR "support service*" OR "temporary admission*" OR "temporary break*" OR "temporary care*" OR "temporary relief" OR "temporary support*" OR "short-term admission*" OR "short-term break*" OR "short-term care*" OR "short-term relief" OR "short-term support*" OR "time off" OR vacation* OR "care service*" OR "overnight stay*" OR "home-based support*" OR "befriend* service*" OR "short-break foster*" OR "adult placement scheme*" OR "shared care" OR "replacement care" OR "family support")
- # 2 TOPIC: (advanc* NEAR/3 disease* OR advanc* NEAR/3 illness* OR advanc* NEAR/3 condition* OR advanc* NEAR/3 disorder* OR advanc* NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR advanc* NEAR/3 impairment*)

OR advanc* NEAR/3 handicap* OR degenerative NEAR/3 disease* OR degenerative NEAR/3 illness* OR degenerative NEAR/3 condition* OR degenerative NEAR/3 disorder* OR degenerative NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR degenerative NEAR/3 impairment* OR degenerative NEAR/3 handicap* OR progressive NEAR/3 disease* OR progressive NEAR/3 illness* OR progressive NEAR/3 condition* OR progressive NEAR/3 disorder* OR progressive NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR progressive NEAR/3 impairment* OR progressive NEAR/3 handicap* OR "diminished life expectancy" OR "limited life expectancy" OR cancer* OR duchenne OR dying OR "end of life" OR "end stage renal failure" OR "end stage liver failure" OR "heart failure" OR incurable OR life-limit* OR "life limit*" OR life NEAR/3 short* OR live* NEAR/3 short* OR "life threaten*" OR "limited life expectancy" OR LLC OR LLI OR "muscular dystroph*" OR neoplasm*.ti,ab OR "neurodegenerative condition*" OR "neurodegenerative disease*" OR "neurodegenerative illness*" OR "neurodegenerative disorder*" OR "neurodegenerative abnormalit*" OR "neurodegenerative impairment*" OR "neurodegenerative handicap*" OR oncology OR palliative OR "poor prognosis" OR serious* NEAR/3 ill* OR terminal* NEAR/3 ill* OR terminal* NEAR/3 care* OR terminal* NEAR/3 disease* OR terminal* NEAR/3 condition* OR terminal* NEAR/3 disorder* OR terminal* NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR terminal* NEAR/3 impairment* OR terminal* NEAR/3 handicap* OR genetic NEAR/3 disease* OR genetic NEAR/3 disorder* OR genetic NEAR/3 illness* OR genetic NEAR/3 condition* OR genetic NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR genetic NEAR/3 impairment* OR genetic NEAR/3 handicap* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 disease* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 illness* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 disorder* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 condition* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 impairment* OR chromosomal NEAR/3 handicap* OR congenital NEAR/3 disease* OR congenital NEAR/3 illness* OR congenital NEAR/3 disorder* OR congenital NEAR/3 condition* OR congenital NEAR/3 abnormalit* OR congenital NEAR/3 impairment* OR congenital NEAR/3 handicap* OR complex NEAR/3 health* NEAR/3 need* OR "early death*" OR "cerebral pals*" OR "spina bifida" OR "cystic fibrosis" OR encephalopath* OR disabilit* OR disabled OR handicap* OR spastic* OR "impaired motor skill*" OR "spinal cord condition*" OR "multiple trauma" OR "acquired brain injur*" OR "neurological condition*" OR "neuromuscular condition*" OR "multi-organ disease*" OR neurodisabilit*)

3 #2 AND #1

4 TOPIC: ("young adult*" OR "young person" OR "young people" OR youth* OR "emerg* adult*" OR "early adult*" OR (child* NEAR/3 transition NEAR/3 adult*) OR (adolescen* NEAR/3 transition NEAR/3 adult*) OR (teenage* NEAR/3 transition NEAR/3 adult*) OR (paediatric* NEAR/3 transition NEAR/3 adult*) OR (pediatric* NEAR/3 transition NEAR/3 adult*) OR "college student*" OR "university student*" OR "post-secondary student*" OR undergraduate* OR postgraduate* OR famil* OR carer* OR caregiver* OR parent* OR grandparent* OR relative* OR relation* OR sibling*)

5 #4 AND #3

Timespan = 2002-18

Social Care Online

Date searched: September 2018.

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Search strategy

[SubjectTerms:"short break care" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"intermediate care" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"hospices" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"holidays" including this term only OR AllFields:'respite*' or "short break*" or hospice*]

AND

[SubjectTerms:"palliative care" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"terminal illness" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"muscular dystrophy" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"cancer" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"cerebral palsy" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"spina bifida" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"cystic fibrosis" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"disabilities" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"complex needs" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"long term conditions" including this term only OR AllFields:"life limit*" OR "life-limit*" OR "life shorten*" OR "complex health* need*" or "complex need*" or disabilit* or disabled']

AND

[SubjectTerms:"young adults" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"young people" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"adults" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"carers" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"families" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"parents" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"siblings" including this term only OR SubjectTerms:"grandparents" including this term only OR AllFields:"young adult*" or "young person" or "young people" or famil* or carer* or caregiver* or parent*]

Trip database

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

((“day* away” OR “day care*” OR “day centre*” OR “day center*” OR “day program*” OR “day service*” OR holiday* OR “home support*” OR hospice* OR “intermediate care” OR “night care*” OR “night-time care*” OR “partial hospitalisation*” OR “partial hospitalization*” OR “relief care*” OR “relief support” OR “residential care*” OR “residential home*” OR “residential facilit*” OR respite* OR “short break*” OR “short stay*” OR “sitting service*” OR “support program*” OR “support scheme*” OR “support service*” OR “temporary admission*” OR “temporary break*” OR “temporary care*” OR “temporary relief” OR “temporary support” OR “short-term admission*” OR “short-term break*” OR “short-term care*” OR “short-term relief” OR “short-term support*” OR “time off” OR vacation* OR “care service*” OR “overnight stay*” OR “home-based support*” OR “befriend* service*” OR “short-break foster*” OR “adult placement scheme*” OR “shared care” OR “replacement care” OR “family support”) AND (“life-limit*” OR “life limit*” OR “life shorten*” OR “complex health* need*” OR “complex need*” OR disab*) AND (“young adult*” or “young person” or “young people” or famil* or carer* or caregiver* or parent*)) (from:2002 to:2018)

NICE Evidence

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

(respite* OR “short break*” OR hospice*) AND (“life-limit*” OR “life limit*” OR “life shorten*” OR “complex health* need*” OR “complex need*” OR disab*)

International Clinical Trials Registry Platform

URL: <http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/AdvSearch.aspx>

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Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

("day* away" OR "day care*" OR "day centre*" OR "day center*" OR "day program*" OR "day service*" OR holiday* OR "home support*" OR hospice* OR "intermediate care" OR "night care*" OR "night-time care*" OR "partial hospitalisation*" OR "partial hospitalization*" OR "relief care*" OR "relief support" OR "residential care*" OR "residential home*" OR "residential facilit*" OR respite* OR "short break*" OR "short stay*" OR "sitting service*" OR "support program*" OR "support scheme*" OR "support service*" OR "temporary admission*" OR "temporary break*" OR "temporary care*" OR "temporary relief" OR "temporary support*" OR "short-term admission*" OR "short-term break*" OR "short-term care*" OR "short-term relief" OR "short-term support*" OR "time off" OR vacation* OR "care service*" OR "overnight stay*" OR "home-based support*" OR "befriend* service*" OR "short-break foster*" OR "adult placement scheme*" OR "shared care" OR "replacement care" OR "family support")

EU Clinical Trials Register

URL: www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/ctr-search/search

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

"day away" OR "day care" OR "day centre" OR "day center" OR "day program" OR "day service" OR holiday OR "home support" OR hospice OR "intermediate care" OR "night care" OR "night-time care" OR "partial hospitalisation" OR "partial hospitalization" OR "relief care" OR "relief support" OR "residential care" OR "residential home" OR "residential facility" OR respite OR "short break" OR "short stay" OR "sitting service" OR "support program" OR "support scheme" OR "support service" OR "temporary admission" OR "temporary break" OR "temporary care" OR "temporary relief" OR "temporary support" OR "short-term admission" OR "short-term break" OR "short-term care" OR "short-term relief" OR "short-term support" OR "time off" OR vacation OR "care service" OR "overnight stay" OR "home-based support" OR "befriending service" OR "short-break foster" OR "adult placement scheme" OR "shared care" OR "replacement care" OR "family support"

ClinicalTrials.gov

URL: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/>

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

respite OR "short break" OR hospice | Child, Adult | Start date from 01/01/2002 to 01/09/2020

National Institute for Health Research Journals Library

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

Search 1: respite* OR "short breaks" OR hospice*

Search 2: "life limiting" OR "life-limiting" OR "life shortening" OR "complex health needs" OR "complex healthcare needs" OR "complex needs" OR disabilities OR disability OR disabled

Grey Literature Report

URL: www.greylit.org

Date searched:

Date range searched:

Search strategy

Search 1: respite

Search 2: short break

Search 3: hospice

JBI Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

(respite* OR "short break*" OR hospice*) AND ("life limit*" OR "life limit*" OR "life shorten*" OR "complex health* need*" OR "complex need*" OR disab*)

Google Scholar

Date searched: September 2018.

Date range searched: 1 January 2002 to 26 September 2018.

Search strategy

Respite life-limiting "young adult"

Respite life-limiting "young adults"

"short breaks" life-limiting "young adult"

“short breaks” life-limiting “young adults”

Respite “complex health needs” “young adult”

Respite “complex health needs” “young adults”

“short breaks” “complex health needs” “young adult”

“short breaks” “complex health needs” “young adults”

Respite “complex healthcare needs” “young adult”

Respite “complex healthcare needs” “young adults”

“short breaks” “complex healthcare needs” “young adult”

“short breaks” “complex healthcare needs” “young adults”

Respite life-limiting “young person”

Respite life-limiting “young people”

“short breaks” life-limiting “young person”

“short breaks” life-limiting “young people”

Respite “complex health needs” “young person”

Respite “complex health needs” “young people”

“short breaks” “complex health needs” “young person”

“short breaks” “complex health needs” “young people”

Respite “complex healthcare needs” “young person”

Respite “complex healthcare needs” “young people”

“short breaks” “complex healthcare needs” “young person”

“short breaks” “complex healthcare needs” “young people”

Appendix 2 Modified MEDLINE(R) ALL search strategy

Date searched: September 2019.

Date range searched: 1946 to 18 September 2019.

Search strategy

1. exp Respite Care/
2. exp Hospice Care/
3. exp HOSPICES/
4. exp Day Care, Medical/
5. exp Night Care/
6. exp Intermediate Care Facilities/
7. exp HOLIDAYS/
8. "day* away".ti,ab.
9. "day care*".ti,ab.
10. "day centre*".ti,ab.
11. "day center*".ti,ab.
12. "day program*".ti,ab.
13. "day service*".ti,ab.
14. holiday*.ti,ab.
15. "home support*".ti,ab.
16. hospice*.ti,ab.
17. "intermediate care".ti,ab.
18. "night care*".ti,ab.
19. "night-time care*".ti,ab.
20. "relief care*".ti,ab.
21. "relief support".ti,ab.
22. "residential care*".ti,ab.
23. "residential home*".ti,ab.
24. "residential facilit*".ti,ab.
25. respite*.ti,ab.
26. "short break*".ti,ab.
27. "short stay*".ti,ab.
28. "sitting service*".ti,ab.
29. "support program*".ti,ab.
30. "support scheme*".ti,ab.
31. "support service*".ti,ab.
32. "temporary admission*".ti,ab.
33. "temporary break*".ti,ab.
34. "temporary care*".ti,ab.
35. "temporary relief".ti,ab.
36. "temporary support*".ti,ab.
37. "short-term admission*".ti,ab.
38. "short-term break*".ti,ab.
39. "short-term care*".ti,ab.
40. "short-term relief".ti,ab.

41. "short-term support*".ti,ab.
42. "time off".ti,ab.
43. vacation*.ti,ab.
44. "care service*".ti,ab.
45. "overnight stay*".ti,ab.
46. "home-based support*".ti,ab.
47. "befriend* service*".ti,ab.
48. "short-break foster*".ti,ab.
49. "adult placement scheme*".ti,ab.
50. "shared care".ti,ab.
51. "replacement care".ti,ab.
52. "family support".ti,ab.
53. or/1-52
54. exp MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, DUCHENNE/
55. exp Neoplasms/
56. exp Muscular Dystrophies/
57. exp Cerebral Palsy/
58. exp Spinal Dysraphism/
59. exp Cystic Fibrosis/
60. exp Disabled Persons/
61. exp Disabled Children/
62. exp Neurodegenerative Diseases/
63. exp Multiple Trauma/
64. exp Genetic Diseases, Inborn/
65. exp Chromosome Disorders/
66. exp "CONGENITAL, HEREDITARY, AND NEONATAL DISEASES AND
67. ABNORMALITIES"/
68. (advanc* adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
69. (advanc* adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
70. (advanc* adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
71. (advanc* adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
72. (advanc* adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
73. (advanc* adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
74. (advanc* adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
75. (degenerative adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
76. (degenerative adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
77. (degenerative adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
78. (degenerative adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
79. (degenerative adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
80. (degenerative adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
81. (degenerative adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
82. (progressive adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
83. (progressive adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
84. (progressive adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
85. (progressive adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
86. (progressive adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
87. (progressive adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
88. (progressive adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
89. "diminished life expectancy".ti,ab.
90. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
91. cancer*.ti,ab.
92. duchenne.ti,ab.
93. incurable.ti,ab.

94. life-limit*.ti,ab.
95. "life limit*".ti,ab.
96. (life adj3 short*).ti,ab.
97. (live* adj3 short*).ti,ab.
98. "life threaten*".ti,ab.
99. "limited life expectancy".ti,ab.
100. LLC.ti,ab.
101. LLI.ti,ab.
102. "muscular dystroph*".ti,ab.
103. neoplasm*.ti,ab.
104. "neurodegenerative condition*".ti,ab.
105. "neurodegenerative disease*".ti,ab.
106. "neurodegenerative illness*".ti,ab.
107. "neurodegenerative disorder*".ti,ab.
108. "neurodegenerative abnormalit*".ti,ab.
109. "neurodegenerative impairment*".ti,ab.
110. "neurodegenerative handicap*".ti,ab.
111. oncology.ti,ab.
112. "poor prognosis".ti,ab.
113. (serious* adj3 ill*).ti,ab.
114. (genetic adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
115. (genetic adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
116. (genetic adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
117. (genetic adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
118. (genetic adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
119. (genetic adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
120. (genetic adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
121. (chromosomal adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
122. (chromosomal adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
123. (chromosomal adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
124. (chromosomal adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
125. (chromosomal adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
126. (chromosomal adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
127. (chromosomal adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
128. (congenital adj3 disease*).ti,ab.
129. (congenital adj3 illness*).ti,ab.
130. (congenital adj3 disorder*).ti,ab.
131. (congenital adj3 condition*).ti,ab.
132. (congenital adj3 abnormalit*).ti,ab.
133. (congenital adj3 impairment*).ti,ab.
134. (congenital adj3 handicap*).ti,ab.
135. "complex health* need*".ti,ab.
136. "early death*".ti,ab.
137. "cerebral pals*".ti,ab.
138. "spina bifida".ti,ab.
139. "cystic fibrosis".ti,ab.
140. encephalopath*.ti,ab.
141. disabilit*.ti,ab.
142. disabled.ti,ab.
143. handicap*.ti,ab.
144. spastic*.ti,ab.
145. "impaired motor skill*".ti,ab.
146. "spinal cord condition*".ti,ab.

147. "multiple trauma".ti,ab.
148. "acquired brain injur*".ti,ab.
149. "neurological condition*".ti,ab.
150. "neuromuscular condition*".ti,ab.
151. "multi-organ disease*".ti,ab.
152. neurodisabilit*.ti,ab.
153. or/54-151
154. "young adult*".ti,ab.
155. "young person".ti,ab.
156. "young people".ti,ab.
157. youth*.ti,ab.
158. "emerg* adult*".ti,ab.
159. "early adult*".ti,ab.
160. (child* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
161. (adolescen* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
162. (teenage* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
163. (paediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult*).ti,ab.
164. (pediatric* adj3 transition adj3 adult).ti,ab.
165. "college student*".ti,ab.
166. "university student*".ti,ab.
167. "post-secondary student*".ti,ab.
168. undergraduate*.ti,ab.
169. postgraduate*.ti,ab.
170. exp Young Adult/
171. exp ADOLESCENT/
172. exp ADULT/
173. exp FAMILY/
174. exp CAREGIVERS/
175. exp PARENTS/
176. famil*.ti,ab.
177. carer*.ti,ab.
178. caregiver*.ti,ab.
179. parent*.ti,ab.
180. grandparent*.ti,ab.
181. relative*.ti,ab.
182. relation*.ti,ab.
183. sibling*.ti,ab.
184. or/153-182
185. 53 and 152 and 183
186. limit 184 to ed = 20190201-20190918.

Appendix 3 Organisations and charities (grey literature search)

Networks and organisations

Association for Palliative Medicine (Fareham, UK).

European Association for Palliative Care (Vilvoorde, Belgium).

International Children's Palliative Care Network (Bristol, UK).

NICE (London, UK).

NHS CCGs in the UK, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

North West Clinical Commissioning Network (Halton, UK).

North West Coast Strategic Clinical Networks and Senate (Warrington, UK).

North West Coast Clinical Networks for Palliative and End of Life Care (composed of two networks: Cheshire and Merseyside, UK, and Lancashire and South Cumbria, UK).

Palliative Care Research Society (Southampton, UK).

Peninsula Childhood Disability Research Unit (Exeter, UK).

Parent Voices Count (Manchester, UK).

Royal College of Nursing (London, UK).

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (London, UK).

Social Care Institute for Excellence (London, UK).

TfSL Regional Action Groups and Transition Taskforce (Bristol, UK).

The Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care, North West Coast (Liverpool, UK).

The Innovation Agency (Daresbury, UK).

UK local authority websites.

Charities

Action Duchenne (London, UK, URL: www.actionduchenne.org/).

bibic (Somerset, UK, URL: <https://bibic.org.uk/>).

The Children's Trust (Surrey, UK, URL: www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/brain-injury-information).

British Heart Foundation (London, UK, URL: www.bhf.org.uk/).

Carers Trust (London, UK, URL: <https://carers.org/>).

Carers UK (London, UK, URL: www.carersuk.org/).

Cerebra (Carmarthen, UK) URL: www.cerebra.org.uk/.

Children's Hospices Across Scotland (Edinburgh, UK, URL: www.chas.org.uk/).

Cystic Fibrosis Trust (London, UK, URL: www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/).

Disability Rights UK (London, UK, URL: www.disabilityrightsuk.org/).

Down's Syndrome Association (Middlesex, UK, URL: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/).

Epilepsy Action (Leeds, UK, URL: www.epilepsy.org.uk/).

Genetic Disorders UK (Haywards Heath, UK, URL: www.geneticdisordersuk.org/).

Headway (Nottingham, UK, URL: www.headway.org.uk/).

Hospice UK (London, UK, URL: www.hospiceuk.org/).

Huntington's Disease Association (Liverpool, UK, URL: www.hda.org.uk/).

Muscular Dystrophy Association (Chicago, IL, USA, URL: www.mda.org/).

Mencap (London, UK, URL: www.mencap.org.uk/).

Motor Neurone Disease Association (Northampton, UK, URL: www.mndassociation.org/).

Motor Neurone Disease Scotland (Glasgow, UK, URL: www.mndscotland.org.uk/).

MS Society (London, UK, URL: www.mssociety.org.uk/).

Muscular Dystrophy UK (London, UK, URL: www.musculardystrophyuk.org/).

My Life (Wigan, UK, URL: www.my-life.org.uk/).

Rainbow Trust (Surrey, UK, URL: <https://rainbowtrust.org.uk/>).

Reach (Tavistock, UK, URL: <http://reach.org.uk/>).

SCOPE (London, UK, URL: www.scope.org.uk/).

Shine (Peterborough, UK, URL: www.shinecharity.org.uk/).

Spinal Injuries Association (Milton Keynes, UK, URL: www.spinal.co.uk/).

SWAN UK (London, UK, URL: www.undiagnosed.org.uk/).

TfSL (Bristol, UK, URL: www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/).

Appendix 4 Review design and synthesis methods model

Review question	Stream	Study type	Selection of evidence for in-depth review data extraction	Synthesis of evidence according to type, using appropriate methods	Overarching narrative synthesis and programme logic models for interventions
What is the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different types of formal and informal respite care and short break provision?	Stream 1: intervention effectiveness	RCTs and quasi-RCTs Other experimental or quasi-experimental studies	Searches Screening	Meta-analysis Narrative summary	Overarching narrative synthesis of qualitative and quantitative evidence, including articulation of programme theories Logic model development for interventions (models of service) to show the different designs, inputs, processes and intended outcomes for various stakeholders
What is the economic impact of respite care and short breaks?	Stream 2: health economics	Cost-utility, cost-effectiveness Other economic studies	Study inclusion/exclusion Appraisal of quality or risk of bias	Meta-analysis Narrative summary	
What are service users' and providers' views of current service provision and the need for new services?	Stream 3: experience and attitudes	Quantitative (e.g. questionnaire surveys)	Data extraction	Narrative summary (quantitative data)	
What are the facilitators of and barriers to providing, implementing and using respite care and short breaks (taking into account the different perspectives of service users, family members and providers)?		Qualitative studies and qualitative data (e.g. from open-ended survey questions) Mixed-methods studies (e.g. case studies and process evaluations)	Confirm typology and different interventions (models of service)	Thematic synthesis (qualitative data) Mixed-methods matrix for integration of quantitative and qualitative evidence	
What are the current UK policy and guidance recommendations for the provision of respite care and short breaks?	Stream 4: policy and guidelines	Clinical guidelines Government policy Other		Framework synthesis	

RCT, randomised controlled trial.

Appendix 5 Framework analysis codebook

Theme	Description
1. Acceptability of the service	<p>Evidence that relates to the acceptability of the service for all service user perspectives. This will include data on the expectations, preferences and values of service users through their views on the service, their preferred use and delivery of the service</p> <p>Is it what people want (young adults, parents, wider family)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of services • Type of service • Developmentally appropriate • Age appropriate • Eligibility criteria <p>Confirming case: look for and code evidence that confirms the service was acceptable</p> <p>Deviant (disconfirming) case: the counter pattern in the literature, where the service was not acceptable</p>
2. Implementation of the service	<p>Code evidence that looks at issues relating to service implementation and delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the service delivered as was intended? (If not, why not?) • Barriers (what stops it being delivered as intended?) • Facilitators (factors that facilitate implementation as intended) <p>Confirming case</p> <p>Deviant (disconfirming) case</p>
3. Feasibility and accessibility of the service	<p>Code evidence that relates to service demand, service resources to meet demand and sustainability of the service</p> <p>Consider from the perspectives of the young adult, parent, wider family and service provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial sustainability • Accessibility issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Local accessibility/need for travel ◦ Eligibility criteria for service too restrictive, needs too complex for service? <p>Confirming case</p> <p>Deviant (disconfirming) case</p> <p>Note: feasibility and implementation may overlap</p>
4. Primary (intended) outcomes	<p>Code evidence that relates to all short-term and mid- to long-term intended outcomes and benefits for the person the intervention is intended for (typically this is the young adult, but could be other perspectives). This may include a broad range of areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological • Physical • Social • Quality of life/well-being • Educational • Vocational • Independence • Any other

Theme	Description
5. Secondary (intended) outcomes	As above, but code evidence that relates to any secondary outcomes (e.g. if service is delivered to the young adult, but there are also intended outcomes for others, such as a break for parents)
6. Primary experienced outcomes	Code evidence relating to any other outcomes or benefits that may not have been intended, but have been experienced by the person to whom the respite intervention was delivered
7. Secondary experienced outcomes	As above, but outcome is experienced by a secondary person (e.g. a parent). There may be unintentional consequences of service delivery [e.g. with the social activity model, the focus is on young adult (service user) and the secondary outcome could be from the parental perspective as they get time to spend with other family members]
8. Negative experience/impact	Evidence describing any negative impact for all perspectives, including service provider, young adult, parent, wider family [e.g. harms of respite (such as the young adult not wanting to go, service could not manage behaviour so sent them home, etc.)]
9. Measurable outcomes	Any evidence of measurable outcomes (e.g. quantitative reports of satisfaction)
10. Miscellaneous	Anything else that cannot be coded, using above framework for discussion in stream meetings
11. Was respite achieved?	Primary focus of analysis is whether or not the primary goal was achieved

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○wing to limitations in the information retrieved from searches, not all of the excluded sources can be referenced in full.

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Appendix 7 Sources included in knowledge map

Source	Title	Type of source	Location	Types of respite
Arnold and Godwin ⁷⁸	<i>The Shakespeare Hospice Transitional Care Service Innovation in Practice</i>	Study abstract	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned day care at specialist facility
The Asian Health Agency ⁷⁹	<i>Ashra Carers Project: Children & Young People with Special Needs</i>	Service description	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Barnet County Council ⁸⁰	<i>Barnet Short Breaks Duty Statement 2017/2018</i>	Local offer	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite Organised recreational activities
Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³	<i>My Life. Growing Up and Living with Ataxia-Telangiectasia: Young People's and Young Adults' Experiences</i>	Report	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite Planned day care at specialist facility Funded holidays
Bishop ⁸¹	<i>Making the Most of Life</i>	Commentary	Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Bona <i>et al.</i> ⁸²	<i>Massachusetts' Pediatric Palliative Care Network: Successful Implementation of a Novel State-Funded Pediatric Palliative Care Program</i>	Study	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Brighton & Hove City Council ⁸³	<i>Brighton & Hove City Council Short Breaks Statement 2017-18</i>	Short breaks statement	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Host-family/fostering respite Organised recreational activities Home-based overnight respite
Brook ⁸⁴	<i>Jacksplace - A Hospice Dedicated to Teenagers and Young Adults in Hampshire</i>	Commentary	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Care Quality Commission ⁸⁵	<i>Claire House Children's Hospice Inspection Report</i>	Local offer	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite provided in-home or hospital
Care Quality Commission ⁸⁷	<i>Francis House Children's Hospice Inspection Report</i>	Inspection report	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Claire House Children's Hospice ⁸⁶	<i>Claire House Children's Hospice Local Offer Statement</i>	Inspection report	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite provided in home or hospital

Source	Title	Type of source	Location	Types of respite
Dawson and Liddicoat ⁶²	<i>'Camp Gives Me Hope': Exploring the Therapeutic Use of Community for Adults with Cerebral Palsy</i>	Study	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps)
East Anglia Children's Palliative Care Managed Clinical Network ⁹⁴	<i>The East of England Children and Young People's Palliative Care Service Directory</i>	Service directory	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Gans et al. ⁹⁵	<i>Impact of a Pediatric Palliative Care Program on the Caregiver Experience</i>	Study	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Grinyer et al. ⁷¹	<i>Issues of Power, Control and Choice in Children's Hospice Respite Care Services: A Qualitative Study</i>	Study	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Hanrahan ⁹⁷	<i>A Host of Opportunities: Second NHSN Survey of Family Based Short Break Schemes for Children and Adults with Intellectual and Other Disabilities in the Republic of Ireland</i>	Report	Republic of Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host family/fostering respite Host family emergency respite
Hutcheson et al. ⁵⁹	<i>Evaluation of a Pilot Service to Help Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions Transition from Children's Palliative Care Services</i>	Study	Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Organised recreational activities
Institute of Public Care ¹⁰⁰	<i>National Commissioning Board Wales. Integrated Services for Children and Young People with a Disability in Conwy. A Case Study</i>	Case study	Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Knighting et al. ¹⁰¹	<i>An Evaluation of the Rachel House at Home Service for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS): Summary Public Report</i>	Evaluation	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Knighting et al. ⁶⁷	<i>Meeting the Needs of Young Adults with Life-Limiting Conditions: A UK Survey of Current Provision and Future Challenges for Hospices</i>	Study	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Planned day care at a specialist facility Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Knighting et al. ¹⁰³	<i>Short Break Provision for Young Adults with Life-limiting Conditions: A UK Survey with Young Adults and Parents</i>	Study	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Planned day care at a specialist facility Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite provided in-home or hospital

Source	Title	Type of source	Location	Types of respite
Knowsley Council ¹⁰⁴	<i>Knowsley Children and Family Services Short Breaks Statement</i>	Short breaks statement	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Befriending schemes Funded holidays
Leason ¹⁰⁵	<i>Let's Face the Music and Dance</i>	Commentary	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Luzinat et al. ⁶⁸	<i>The Experience of a Recreational Camp for Families with a Child or Young Person with Acquired Brain Injury</i>	Study	Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps)
MacDonald and Greggans ⁷⁰	<i>'Cool Friends': An Evaluation of a Community Befriending Programme for Young People with Cystic Fibrosis</i>	Study	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Befriending schemes
Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰	<i>Supporting Children with Life-Limiting Conditions and Their Families – Research Examining Service Provision in Yorkshire and the Humber</i>	Study	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite Befriending schemes
Martin House Children's Hospice ¹⁰⁶	<i>Professionals' Booklet</i>	Information leaflet	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Organised recreational activities Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Mitchell et al. ²⁷	<i>Short Break and Emergency Respite Care: What Options for Young People with Life-Limiting Conditions?</i>	Study	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People ¹¹²	<i>Rainbows Quality Account 2017–2018</i>	Quality account	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Rochdale County Council ¹¹³	<i>Rochdale Short Breaks Provision for Children and Young People with Disabilities</i>	Service directory	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised recreational activities Befriending schemes Funded holidays
Shared Care Scotland ¹¹⁹	<i>Short Break Case Studies</i>	Case example	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps) Residential respite in a nursing home Funded holidays
Shared Care Scotland ¹²⁰	<i>It's About Time: An Overview of Short Break (Respite Care) Planning and Provision in Scotland</i>	Report	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite Host family/fostering respite Planned day care at a specialist facility Organised recreational activities Befriending schemes Emergency respite provided in home or hospital

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Shared Care Scotland ⁷²	<i>Short Breaks Fund Evaluation of Round One Projects</i>	Report	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps) Organised recreational activities
Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶	<i>Evaluation Report on Round Two of the Short Breaks Fund</i>	Report	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps) Organised recreational activities
Shared Care Scotland ¹²¹	<i>Evaluation Report of Creative Breaks October 2012–September 2013</i>	Report	Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded holidays
St Elizabeth Hospice ¹²²	<i>Young Adult Short Break Pilot</i>	Grey literature	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
St Joseph's Hospice ¹²⁵	<i>St Joseph's Hospice Quality Accounts. 2012/2013</i>	Grey literature	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
St Oswald's Hospice ¹²⁶	<i>St Oswald's Young Adult Service – Your Guide</i>	Information leaflet	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Staley ¹²⁷	<i>Having a Break: Good Practice in Short Breaks for Families with Children Who Have Complex Health Needs and Disabilities</i>	Report	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised recreational activities
Stylianou ⁶⁹	<i>Mothers with Disabled Children in Cyprus: Experiences and Support</i>	Study	Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Urbanowicz et al. ¹³⁰	<i>Use of Equipment and Respite Services and Caregiver Health Among Australian Families Living with Rett Syndrome</i>	Study	Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based daytime respite Home-based overnight respite
Young et al. ⁶⁴	<i>Small Service, big impact. Evaluation of a New Short Break Service for Young Adults with Life Limiting Conditions at St Oswald's Hospice</i>	Report	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)
Young et al. ⁶¹	<i>Qualitative Accounts of Young-People, Parents and Staff Involved with a Purpose-Designed, Pilot Short-Break Service for 18–24 Year Olds with Life-Limiting Conditions</i>	Study	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)

Appendix 8 Logic model: residential respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) (21 sources)

Logic model: planned residential respite at specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) (21 services in 21 sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults with access to regular residential respite services in specialist facilities and access to a range of age- and condition-appropriate amenities and activities, providing a break for young adults, parents/carers and support for the wider family</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support young people by socialising with peers outside their immediate family network (young adults) Offer them a voice (young adults) Opportunities to engage in new activities (young adults) Provide safe and secure short breaks for them and their parents (young adults and parents/carers) 	<p>Eligibility and age range change depending on service provider</p> <p>Children's hospice: babies, children, young people and young adults with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions</p> <p>Adult hospice: young people and young adults with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, physical disability</p> <p>Age range: zero to no upper limit</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 0–19 years, 0–23 years, 0–25 years, 0–30 years, 0–30 years, 18–24 years, 16–40 years, 18 years to no upper limit (as move from young adult</p>	<p><i>Environmental</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs Easy access to outdoor space Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep <p><i>Staffing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical staff (medical, nursing and allied health professionals) Therapists (music, art, play, complementary) Transition/respite co-ordinator Appropriate staff to service user ratio (e.g. 1 : 1 daytime, 2 : 1 night-time, 2 : 1 when using the pool) <p>For example, Friday afternoon to Monday morning (three nights) based on two patients staying was costed at £4545.22. This included care from a registered nurse and a health-care assistant/multidisciplinary team assessment, full use</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Services varied in reporting number of visits or number of nights available, ranging from 12 to 16 nights per year over three or four visits</p> <p><i>Individual services reported the following frequency over a 12-month period</i></p> <p>Three visits; four visits; four visits; four visits; 16 nights; and 7–14 nights</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Children's and adult hospices (specialist facility)</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Overnight respite care in a specialist facility with access to the following amenities and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age-appropriate social space (e.g. over 18s room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfortable and relaxing sitting area Food and drink facilities Television/media/gaming area Karaoke machine Direct access to young adult garden 	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>Increased socialisation outside service user's immediate family network</p> <p>Development of peer support network</p> <p>To establish new relationships</p> <p>Reduction in social isolation/increase in social inclusion</p> <p>To experience positive and enriching social activities</p> <p>Improved access to social and leisure activities</p> <p>Increased freedom of choice over activities</p> <p>Gain life skills</p> <p>Gain confidence</p> <p>To experience safe and secure short breaks</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and support for the wider family. Indications from snapshot data of participants who had used services for several years indicates accruing benefits for the whole family of planned, regular residential respite care. Nine sources^{27,41,59–61,64,67,71,76} in the review</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities, and the enhancement of their holistic well-being (young adults) time to rest and recuperate, including sleep overnight, opportunity to build resilience to continue providing care, spending time engaging in interests or hobbies, and quality time with partners and other children, a break from caring 24/7 (parent/carer) 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reach out to every young adult with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition and their families (young adults, parents/carers and wider family, including siblings) Provide the right resources and support to draw on To enhance the quality of life for young adults and their families (young adults, parents/carers and wider family, including siblings) To deliver personalised care, including providing equipment (young adults) To provide privacy, dignity and independence (young adults) To develop and deliver regular, planned short breaks for young adults, after they leave children's services (service provider) Provide respite and multidisciplinary review to those attending a short break (service provider) 	unit to main adult hospice ward), zero to no upper limit if referred < 16, (exceptional circumstances considered outside this criterion)	<p>of the day unit, meals and 20 hours of a co-ordinator post</p> <p><i>Staff training</i></p> <p>To ensure that staff have the necessary skills and experience to address the wide range of needs (e.g. equality, diversity and human rights, specialist feeding, medication, moving and handling, equipment use and care, such as suction and tracheostomy care, infection control and safeguarding)</p> <p><i>Transport</i></p> <p>Appropriate transport for equipment and services users</p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p>Funding to cover costs of external activities and running of transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised alcohol consumption Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate sleeping and living areas for young adults Two separate guest houses specially designed for those with disabilities Provision for siblings/friends to stay Specialist facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrotherapy/swimming pool, jacuzzi, gym Sensory room Complementary therapy room Music room, art room Garden with outdoor play facilities, walkways and quiet areas Multifaith chapel Play and music specialists Social and leisure activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trips to cinema, theatre, public park, trampolining park, clay pigeon shooting, fishing trip, laser tag, football matches and local bars Young adult social groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly social groups facilitated by staff, with internal/external activities chosen by young adults, such as trips out, pamper nights, and Christmas parties 	<p>Improved access to appropriate breaks when needed</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To have a break from caring responsibilities</p> <p>Have confidence in the service for the young adult</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> time with parents, a break from supporting parents with the caring role, and access to sibling support and activities in some services, with a holistic approach to respite for the whole family (wider family including siblings) <p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>Lack of appropriate respite care or loss of respite following transition were reported to have negative impact on psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care (parent/carer), frustration and distress at needs not being met appropriately (young adults and parent/carer), lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence (young adults) and ultimately the detrimental effects on the health and well-being of all the family (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family including siblings)</p>	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forty-seven weekend short breaks provided at the day unit of the hospice based on two people sharing a room (service provider) To work in partnership with others to provide a transitional care service to young people moving from children's care (service provider) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee mornings, under 5s play group, complementary therapies (i.e. reflexology for parents) Sibling support, including opportunities for separate activities and outings <p><i>'Own carer' model</i> In addition to the traditional respite care model, there is an emerging 'own carer' model of respite for young adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospice providing hotel facilities for young adults and their own carers to use Access to the hospice environment and equipment, no provision of clinical care 			

Notes

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Appendix 9 Logic model: residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps)

Logic model: planned residential – residential respite in a specialist disability facility (e.g. condition-specific or adventure camps) (six services in five sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults with access to residential respite services in specialist disability facilities and to provide access to a range of age-and condition-appropriate amenities and activities, providing a break for young adults, parents/carers and support the wider family</p> <p><i>Aims identified</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide young people and young adults with opportunities to experience a residential break away from family/carers To ensure that breaks are age appropriate and offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunities to make friends and interact with others the chance to become part of a supportive community activities tailored for age and ability level 	<p>Young adults with a range of conditions, including ABI, cerebral palsy, complex disability and degenerative muscle disorders</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: cerebral palsy, ABI, muscular dystrophy, complex disabilities, degenerative muscle disorders and complex needs</p> <p>Age range: 0 to no upper limit</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 19–21 years, 19 years, up to 21 years, children and young adults, and young adults</p>	<p><i>Staffing</i></p> <p>1 : 1 staff for some campers, with a 1 : 2 average ratio</p> <p><i>Staff training</i></p> <p><i>Environmental (appropriate facilities)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs Easy access to outdoor space Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene, and sleep <p><i>Funding</i></p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>One to three times per year, ranging from a weekend to a week</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Specialist disability facilities</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Condition-specific camps with organised activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor/outdoor activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair skating Canoeing Archery Horse riding Sports Arts and crafts Social activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going to the pub Going out for meals 	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>To experience a residential break away from parents/carers and family members</p> <p>To experience an age-appropriate break</p> <p>To have an increase in choice and decision-making</p> <p><i>For parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To experience a break from routine caring responsibilities</p> <p>To have quality time with partners and other children</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Indications from snapshot data of participants who had used services for several years indicates accruing benefits for the whole family of planned, regular residential respite care. Two sources^{62,68} in the review</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities and the enhancement of their holistic well-being (young adults) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase choice, decision-making and independence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promoting self-determination via choice and empowerment increasing independence in activities of daily living To relieve the pressure on all family members by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunities for families (including cared for person and carer) to have a break from their normal caring routine opportunities for families to experience enjoyable activities together 				<p><i>For all</i></p> <p>To enjoy a break away with family members when family breaks available at the service</p> <p>To make new friends and socialise as part of a supportive community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> time to rest and recuperate, including sleep overnight, opportunity to build resilience to continue providing care, spending time engaging in interests or hobbies, quality time with partners and other children, and a break from caring 24/7 (parents/carers) time with parents, a break from supporting parents with the caring role and access to sibling support and activities in some services, which included whole family breaks (the wider family, including siblings) 	<p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>A reduction in the level of camp respite care was reported to have a negative impact on psychological well-being due to frustration and distress at needs not being appropriately met (young adults and parents/carers), lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence (young adults) and ultimately the detrimental effects on the health and well-being of all the family (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)</p>

ABI, acquired brain injury.

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Sources for this model: Dawson and Liddicoat,⁶² Luzinat *et al.*⁶⁸ and Shared Care Scotland.^{66,72,119,120}

Appendix 10 Logic model: residential respite in a nursing home

Logic model: planned residential – residential respite in a nursing home (one service in one source)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide short-term respite care with separate facilities and appropriate planned activities</p> <p><i>Aims identified</i></p> <p>To offer separate facilities ("more than a "spare bed" for short term guests"¹²⁰)</p> <p>To offer carefully planned programme of activities for short-term guests to suit individual needs and interests</p>	<p>The specific conditions of patients accessing services were not specified, but refers to adult and older people's services, by default includes the review population</p> <p>Age range: young people with disabilities</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were not specified</p>	<p>No resources reported</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Environmental (appropriate facilities):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs • Easy access to outdoor space • Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep 	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Unclear</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Residential nursing home</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Breaks in residential care homes (with or without nursing)</p>	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>To experience a short-term break</p> <p>To have a break in separate facilities</p> <p>To experience appropriate planned activities</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To experience a break from caring</p> <p>To have quality time with partners and other children</p>	<p>Low evidence for respite care delivered in residential nursing homes identified in the review, as only one source⁶¹ identified</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Poor experience reported in only source.¹²⁰ Young adult experienced a break from home and their parents, and parents experienced a break from caring; however, it did not meet their expectations and had potential for harms</p> <p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>Negative impact on psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care (parents/carers), frustration and distress at needs not being met appropriately (young adults and parents/carers), lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence (young adults) and ultimately the detrimental effects on the health and well-being of all the family, which may lead to reduced uptake or withdrawal from the service without changes to service delivery and available opportunities (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)</p>	

Notes

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Source for this model: Shared Care Scotland.¹²⁰

Appendix 11 Logic model: home-based daytime respite care

Logic model: home based – home-based daytime respite (14 services in 11 sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults, carers and wider families with individual home-based respite</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide support from someone other than main parent/carer, which enables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> greater independence when participating in activities in/outside the home (young adults) young adults to take part in community activities (young adults) To provide parents/carers with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a break from routine caring and responsibilities (parents/carers) practical and in-home support (parents/carers and young adults) To provide social, emotional, befriending, bereavement and daytime respite support to families (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings) 	<p>Children and young adults with a range of physical and learning disabilities and LLCs</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: severe learning/physical disability, progressive life-limiting condition, Rett syndrome, complex health-care needs, autistic spectrum condition, severe learning disabilities, speech and language difficulties, and with a disability (including life-limiting conditions), palliative care, sensory impairment and those who have moving and handling needs, disabilities, A-T, LLCs and life-limiting illness</p> <p>Age range: 0–28 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 0–25 years, 0–18 years, unspecified, 2–28 years,</p>	<p>No resources reported</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Unclear, but typically a few hours during the day</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Service user's home</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Different types of individual home-based day care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sitting service Hospice at home service offering day respite Respite within the home environment Respite as part of a wider package of care, including medical care, holistic therapies and bereavement services <p>Members of extended family (e.g. parents/in-laws, other children, 'relatives') and friends offered respite, overnight stays and in-home support</p>	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>Increased independence</p> <p>Engagement with leisure and social activities</p> <p>Time spent away from main carer/parents</p> <p>A chance to experience and enjoy new activities</p> <p>To receive respite as part of a programme of comprehensive palliative care</p> <p>To have appropriate home-based respite services</p> <p>To experience fewer hospitalisations</p> <p><i>For parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To experience a break from caring</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Three sources^{60,63,69} in the review</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Limited depth of evidence on day respite in the home, but respite was achieved and expectations generally met, with respite care being viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Strength of benefits vary depending on the length of respite provided in the home and whether by formal or informal providers, but can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, opportunities for interaction with other staff and potential for increased engagement in a range of activities (young adults) time to rest or engage in other interests or required tasks for a few hours, opportunity to build resilience to continue providing care, and quality time with partners and other children during a short break from caring (parents/carers) time with parents and a break from supporting parents with the caring role (the wider family, including siblings) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide cover while the parent is away or to support them in other ways (service provider and parents/carers) To provide comprehensive palliative care services to young adults with life-limiting illnesses (service provider and young adults) To minimise hospital stays for the young adult (service provider and young adults) To serve any unmet physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of young adults (service provider) To improve quality of life for young adults and their families through supportive home-based services (service provider) To provide respite for the primary carer (service provider) 	3–19 years, children and young adults, 6–22 years, 16–27 years, young people and young adults, 0–21 years and 0–19 years			<p>To have quality time with partners and other children</p> <p>Time to spend on own pursuits</p> <p><i>For all</i></p> <p>An increase in quality of life</p>	<i>Harms</i>	Limited depth of evidence to identify harms; however, because of the nature of the respite provision, some potential limitations can be experienced because of the lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence and for parents and the wider family to have overnight rest
<p>A–T, ataxia-telangiectasia.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Martin House Children's Hospice,⁶⁰ Stylianou,⁶⁹ The Asian Health Agency,⁷⁹ Barnet County Council,⁸⁰ Bona <i>et al.</i>,⁸² Brighton & Hove City Council,⁸³ Gans <i>et al.</i>,⁹⁵ Knighting <i>et al.</i>,^{101,103} Shared Care Scotland¹²⁰ and Urbanowicz <i>et al.</i>¹³⁰</p>						

Appendix 12 Logic model: home-based overnight respite

Logic model: home based – home-based overnight respite (11 services in 10 sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide respite for the parent/carer by enabling time away or time to sleep overnight</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide cover while the parent/carer is away or to support them in other ways (parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings) To support the parent in other ways (e.g. by enabling them to have an undisturbed night's sleep) (parents/carers) To provide parents with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a break from routine caring and responsibilities practical and in-home support (parents/carers) To provide comprehensive palliative care services to young adults with life-limiting illnesses (service provider and young adults) To minimise hospital stays for the young adult (service provider and young adults) 	<p>The specific conditions of patients accessing services were not specified</p> <p>Age range: not specified, but refers to adult and older people's services</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were not specified</p>	<p>No resources reported</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Overnight</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>In home</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Breaks provided at home through a care attendant or sitting service and individual support provided in the home of the cared-for person overnight</p>	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>Increased independence</p> <p>Time spent away from main carer/parents</p> <p>To receive respite as part of a programme of comprehensive palliative care</p> <p>To have appropriate home-based respite services</p> <p>To experience fewer hospitalisations</p> <p><i>For parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To experience a break from caring</p> <p>To have quality time with partners and other children</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Three sources^{60,63,69} in the review</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Limited depth of evidence on overnight respite in the home, but respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunities for interaction with other staff (young adults) time to rest or engage in other interests or sleep overnight, opportunity to build resilience to continue providing care, and quality time with partners and other children during a break from caring (parents/carers) time with parents and a break from supporting parents with the caring role (the wider family, including siblings) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To serve any unmet physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of young adults (service provider) To improve quality of life for young adults and their families through supportive home-based services (service provider) To provide respite for the primary carer (service provider) 				<p>To be able to sleep undisturbed</p> <p><i>For all</i></p> <p>An increase in quality of life</p>	<p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>Limited depth of evidence; however, if overnight respite is not experienced in some form from a trusted provider, potential harms were reported and these include negative impact on psychological well-being [such as stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care (parents/carers and young adults)] and detrimental effects on the health and well-being of parents due to a lack or rest and recuperation (parents/carers)</p>	

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Appendix 13 Logic model: host family/ fostering respite

Logic model: home based – host family/fostering respite (four services in three sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults and their families with a break from normal routine and caring responsibilities</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To give service users a break from their everyday routine (young adults) To provide opportunities for disabled and other vulnerable people (young adults) To give carers and family members a break from their everyday routine (parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings) 	<p>Children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: severe learning and/or physical disability, intellectual and other disability</p> <p>Age range: 0–25 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 0–25 years, and unspecified children and adults</p>	<p><i>Staffing</i></p> <p>Volunteers who are paid expenses/allowance</p> <p><i>Staff training</i></p> <p>Specific training for host family</p> <p><i>Environmental</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs Easy access to outdoor space Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep <p><i>Transport</i></p> <p><i>Funding</i></p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Few hours to overnight, including weekends</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Host family's home</p> <p><i>What's offered</i></p> <p>Personalised sleepover, daytime visits, overnight stays and weekend breaks in the home of a host family</p>	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>To have a break from everyday routine</p> <p>To enjoy time away from family and carers</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To have a period of respite and a break from caring responsibilities</p>	No evidence identified in the review for this type of respite to inform the logic model	

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Appendix 14 Logic model: day care at a specialist facility

Logic model: day care – day care at a specialist facility (4 services in 4 sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults with appropriate support and respite at a specialist facility and to enable parents/carers to take a break from routine caring</p> <p>(It was noted in some of the service documents that day care is not generally provided for short break or respite purposes, but services that offer more flexible arrangements, designed around the needs of both the service user and carer, can achieve this purpose)</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a seamless transition for young people to adult services (young adults) To provide specialist age-appropriate day care that supports every individual to achieve their maximum potential (young adults) 	<p>Young people and young adults with a range of disabilities and LLCs</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: LLCs, A–T</p> <p>Age range: 16–27 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 16–24 years, > 18 years, 16–27 years and not specified</p>	<p>No resources reported</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Environmental (appropriate facilities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs Easy access to outdoor space Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep 	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Unclear</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Hospice or community setting</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Planned respite as day care in a specialist facility, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> day services to aid transition to adult services adult day services drop in services 	<p><i>Young adults:</i></p> <p>To spend time away from carer for a few hours</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To get a break from routine caring</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite day care that meets the needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Limited evidence of one source in the review.⁶³ Other sources that included multiple services made reference to day care at a specialist facility within the generic narrative^{67,78,120}</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities and time spent away from family (young adults) time to rest and spend time engaging in interests, quality time with partners and other children and a break from caring 24/7 (parents/carers) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
					<p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>Loss of respite care following transition or inappropriate day care (e.g. for older people) was reported to have a negative impact on psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care (parents/carers), frustration and distress at needs not being met appropriately (young adults and parents/carers), lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence (young adults) and potential for detrimental effects for all the family when the young adult reduced attendance or completely withdrew from the service (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)</p>	
<p>A–T, ataxia–telangiectasia.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Arnold and Godwin,⁷⁸ Knighting <i>et al.</i>,¹⁰³ Beresford <i>et al.</i>⁶³ and Shared Care Scotland.¹²⁰</p>						

Appendix 15 Logic model: organised recreational activities

Logic model: community, leisure and social provision – organised recreational activities (15 services in 10 sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide opportunities that support young adults to develop and maintain relationships and a peer network outside the home, develop skills, try new activities and to have a break from their carer</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide young adults with the opportunities to develop skills and access support by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> socialising outside their home and their immediate family network developing a peer support network developing social skills providing support during times of social isolation (e.g. weekends, evenings and during school holiday periods) (young adults) 	<p>Teenagers and young people making the transition to adulthood and young adults with a range of complex, physical and life-limiting conditions (this also includes other disabilities, such as sensory, learning, and speech and language difficulties)</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: complex health-care needs, autistic spectrum condition, severe learning disabilities, speech and language difficulties, physical difficulties, young people with disabilities, children and young people with disabilities, sensory and other disabilities, young</p>	<p>Staffing</p> <p>Appropriate staff to service user ratio</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>To cover costs of external activities</p> <p>Transport</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Ranges from a few hours to a full day, once/twice per week to once per month, taking place in evenings, at weekends and during school holidays</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Youth centres and out and about in the community</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day trips/outings (e.g. adventure days) Taster breaks Cinema Bowling Games Clubs Picnics in park Trips to the pubs and restaurants Sleepover Saturday evening social club 	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>Increased socialisation outside service user's immediate family network</p> <p>To establish new relationships with the development of a peer support network</p> <p>Reduction in social isolation and an increase in social inclusion</p> <p>Improved access to social and leisure activities</p> <p>To gain independence into adulthood</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite day care that meets the needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Five sources in the review^{59,60,63,66,72}</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities and time spent away from family (young adults) time to rest and spend time engaging in interests, quality time with partners and other children, and a break from caring 24/7 (parents/carers) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide opportunities for young adults to engage in new social and vocational activities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offering new social activities in their everyday life gaining access to mainstream social and leisure activities of their choice gaining independence through life skills training during transition (young adults) To provide opportunities to enhance quality of life/well-being through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing confidence promoting good health (young adults) To provide a break for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> parents from their caring routine and responsibilities (parents/carers) the wider family (e.g. siblings) To develop parental confidence in the service regarding the safety of their young adult (parents/carers) To provide short break activities that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high quality, enjoyable and challenging safe and secure timely and responsive (service provider) 	<p>people with LLC who previously accessed children's hospice services, young people/young adults with LLCs and complex learning and physical disabilities</p> <p>Age range: 0–26 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 14–19 years, 11–19 years, 13–19 years, 16–20 years, 14–20 years, 18–25 years, adults aged > 18 years, 0–19 years, young people making the transition to adulthood, 12–19 years, 5–25 years, 18–26 years and 18–25 years</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported sports activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Tennis Volleyball Martial arts Canoeing Cycling Rock climbing Creative activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Dance Music Song writing Film making Life skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work taster session office work skills 	<p>Increased freedom of choice over activities</p> <p>Gain life skills and confidence</p> <p>Improvement in quality of life/well-being</p> <p>Improved access to appropriate breaks when needed</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To have a break from caring responsibilities</p> <p>Parental confidence in the service</p>	<i>Harms</i>	No specific harms identified for organised activities, although the potential for harms is noted if this was the only respite care provision available to young adults. This type of respite care is not necessarily appropriate for young adults with the most complex needs, nor does it offer the opportunity for an overnight break for parents, which may result in the negative impacts reported for lack of respite care because of needs not being appropriately met (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)
<p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Barnet County Council,⁸⁰ Brighton & Hove City Council,⁸³ Hutcheson <i>et al.</i>,⁵⁹ Martin House Children's Hospice,^{60,106} Shared Care Scotland,^{66,72,120} Rochdale County Council¹¹³ and Staley.¹²⁷</p>						

Appendix 16 Logic model: befriending schemes

Logic model: community leisure and social provision – befriending schemes (five services in five sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide support to access and experience a range of social and leisure activities with other young people without a parent/carer</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <p>To develop friendship and social skills through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunities to have fun and participating in enjoyable activities making friends with other young people (young adults) <p>To provide opportunities that improve/enhance quality of life/well-being through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing self-confidence and self esteem relieving stress and boredom decreasing social isolation (young adults) <p>To give parents/carers a break from routine caring (parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)</p>	<p>Children and young adults with disabilities and life-limiting conditions</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: cystic fibrosis, LLCs, disabilities</p> <p>Age range: 0–19 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 15–19 years, 0–19 years and 8–19 years</p>	<p>Staffing</p> <p>Trained volunteer befrienders</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding for activities</p>	<p>Frequency</p> <p>1–4 hours, ranging from weekly to every six weeks</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Various locations to suit befriender/befriended</p> <p>What's offered?</p> <p>Support to access social and leisure activities of young person's choice, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cinema meeting friends shopping bowling coffee shop swimming 	<p>Young adults</p> <p>Reduce boredom by increasing opportunities for fun activities</p> <p>Improvement in self-esteem</p> <p>Reduction in social isolation</p> <p>Parents and wider family</p> <p>Parents/carers given a break from caring responsibilities</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite day care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. One source⁷⁰ in the review</p> <p>Benefits</p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities and time spent away from family (young adults) time to rest and spend time engaging in interests, quality time with partners and other children, and a break from caring 24/7 (parents/carers) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
					<p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>No specific harms identified for respite care through befriending, although the potential for harms is noted. If this was the only respite care provision available to young adults, it may not offer the same breadth of opportunities as other respite types and does not offer the opportunity for an overnight break for parents, which may result in negative impacts because of needs not being appropriately met (parents/carers and wider family, including siblings)</p>	
<p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Rochdale County Council,¹¹³ Knowsley Council,¹⁰⁴ MacDonald and Greggans,⁷⁰ Shared Care Scotland¹²⁰ and Martin House Children's Hospice.⁶⁰</p>						

Appendix 17 Logic model: funded holidays with friends, parents or carers

Logic model: holidays – funded holidays with friends, parents or carers (nine services in six sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide young adults with a residential break away from home and provide age-appropriate opportunities to engage in leisure and social activities with or without their parents/carer</p> <p><i>Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)</i></p> <p>To provide opportunities to experience a residential break away from parent/usual carers (young adults)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To experience and develop independence (young adults) For breaks to be age appropriate and offer opportunities to make friends and interact with others (young adults) To relieve the pressure on all family members by providing opportunities for whole families (including cared for person and carer) to have a break from their normal caring routine together (parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings) To provide families with the opportunity to have a break from their caring responsibilities (parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings) 	<p>Children and young adults aged 0–20+ years with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities, degenerative muscle disorders and complex needs</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: CP, significant physical and learning disabilities, A-T, substantive special needs and a range of care needs and disabilities</p> <p>Age range: 0–22 years; some services did not specify ages or an upper limit</p> <p>Specific age cohorts or non-specified descriptors for services included were 0–19 years, 5–19 years, 15–19 years, 19 years, 22 years, over 19 years with CP, up to 21 years with ABI, young people and young adults with A-T, young adults and adults</p>	<p>Limited resources identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair-accessible canal boat Voluntary skipper <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Environmental (appropriate facilities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs Easy access to outdoor space Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep 	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Ranges from a weekend to 7 days</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Various holiday locations, including canal boats, caravans and adapted accommodation</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Funded holidays and tailored breaks with friends, family or paid carers</p>	<p><i>Young adults</i></p> <p>To experience a residential break away from parents/carers and family members</p> <p>To experience an age-appropriate break</p> <p><i>Parents and wider family</i></p> <p>To experience a break from routine caring responsibilities</p> <p><i>For all</i></p> <p>To enjoy a break away as a family where desired</p>	<p>Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes and ongoing achievement of respite care that meets needs of young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings. Three sources^{63,66,72} in the review</p> <p><i>Benefits</i></p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, depending on who was providing care during holiday, opportunities to meet other young adults at the setting, increased engagement in a range of exciting and challenging activities and the enhancement of their holistic well-being (young adults) <p>In addition, when the young adult holidayed without family, parents had time to rest and recuperate, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sleep overnight, opportunity to build resilience to continue providing care, spending time engaging in interests or hobbies, and quality time with partners and other children, a break from caring 24/7 (parents/carers) 	

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/Impacts
					Other children experienced time with parents and a break from supporting parents with the caring role (the wider family, including siblings)	
					<i>Harms</i>	
					No specific harms were identified for holiday respite care, although the potential for harms is noted if this was the only respite care provision available to young adults and if it was limited to once a year, as the lack of regular, planned respite care may result in the negative impacts when needs are not being appropriately met (young adults, parents/carers and the wider family, including siblings)	
<p>A–T, ataxia–telangiectasia; CP, cerebral palsy.</p> <p>Notes Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Shared Care Scotland,^{119–121} Rochdale County Council,¹¹³ Knowsley Council¹⁰⁴ and Beresford <i>et al.</i>⁶³</p>						

Appendix 18 Logic model: emergency respite in a specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice)

Logic model: emergency respite (unplanned) – emergency respite in specialist palliative care facility (e.g. hospice) (eight services in nine sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
Overall aim of this type of respite	Children and young adults with LLCs aged up to 30 years	Staffing	Frequency	Young adults	Limited evidence to identify experience and achievement of emergency respite care, despite it being described as 'invaluable' by parents able to access children's hospice services. Two sources ^{27,67} in the review	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Respite was achieved and expectations generally met when respite care was viewed as safe and acceptable, and accessed when needed. Benefits included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being in a safe and familiar service if provided by a known service, such as a children's hospice, along with usual benefits of residential respite in a specialist setting of promotion of independence and empowerment, increased opportunities for social interaction with peers and other staff, increased engagement in a range of activities and the enhancement of their holistic well-being (young adults) • time to deal with urgent matters or illness, a break from caring 24/7, confidence in the respite service if it is a known regular provider (parents/carers)
To provide unplanned respite care for young adults in specialist facilities in an emergency situation (e.g. parents called away urgently or ill)	Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: LLCs	Sufficient hospice staff to deliver unplanned respite at short notice	When required	To receive emergency respite during times of need in a safe, known environment		
Aims identified (different perspectives and identifiers)	Age range: 0–30 years	Standard resources for provision of hospice care, including trained staff for patient : staff ratios	Location	Parents and wider family		
To provide respite care during times of family crisis (service provider)	Specific age cohorts for services included were 0–23 years, up to 19 years, up to 30 years, up to 23 years and > 18 years	Staff training	What's offered?	To be confident in the quality and continuity of care provided in an emergency		
To provide emergency respite due to a change in the child's/young adult's condition (service provider)		Funding	A few nights of unplanned respite in a specialist facility			
		Environmental (appropriate facilities)				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space to accommodate specialist equipment and large wheelchairs • Easy access to outdoor space • Access to appropriate facilities for food, leisure, hygiene and sleep 				
		Transport				

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
					<p><i>Harms</i></p> <p>No harms were identified when respite was provided by a known provider. Lack of appropriate regular respite care due to complexity of care may result in families feeling that they have no back up in an emergency, or young adults being admitted to a nursing home or hospital when no alternative is available. Use of inappropriate emergency respite has the same reported negative impacts on psychological well-being, including stress and anxiety due to concerns over safe care (parents/carers), frustration and distress at needs not being appropriately met (young adults and parents/carers) and lack of opportunities for young adults to socialise and develop independence (young adults)</p>	
<p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Sources for this model: Mitchell <i>et al.</i>,²⁷ Knighting <i>et al.</i>,^{67,103} Bishop,⁸¹ Care Quality Commission,⁸⁵ Claire House Children's Hospice,⁸⁶ East Anglia Children's Palliative Care Managed Clinical Network,⁹⁴ Institute of Public Care¹⁰⁰ and Martin House Children's Hospice.¹⁰⁶</p>						

Appendix 19 Logic model: emergency respite provided in home or hospital

Logic model: emergency (unplanned) – emergency respite provided in-home or hospital (two services in three sources)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide emergency care in the home or in hospital for young adults and to provide parents/carers with a break</p> <p><i>Aims identified</i></p> <p>To provide emergency care to the young adult at home because of an emergency situation (e.g. parents called away urgently or ill)</p> <p>To provide emergency supplementary care to young adults during a hospital stay to provide a break to parents/carers</p>	<p>Predominantly children and young adults with complex medical needs</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: LLCs or not specified</p> <p>Age range: 0–23 years</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were 0–23 years or not specified</p>	<p>No resources reported</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>Unclear</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>Home based/hospital based</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Emergency respite in the home or hospital-based care for service users with complex health-care needs requiring medical supervision</p>	<p>Young adults</p> <p>To receive appropriate care when their parents/main carer is not available</p> <p>Parents and wider family</p> <p>To receive a break from caring during emergency situations which require attention</p>	No evidence identified in the review for this type of respite to inform the logic model	
<p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic models based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Sources for this model: Knighting <i>et al.</i>,¹⁰³ Care Quality Commission⁶⁵ and Shared care Scotland.¹²⁰</p>						

Appendix 20 Logic model: host family emergency respite

Logic model: emergency – host family emergency respite (one service in one source)

Service aim/objective	Eligibility criterion	Resources (what is needed to provide the service)	Programme logic (what the service does/delivers): activities and frequency	Expectations of young adult/parent/wider family	Proximal: intended short-term outcomes/impacts	Distal: intended mid- to long-term outcomes/impacts
<p><i>Overall aim of this type of respite</i></p> <p>To provide emergency or unplanned respite for a young adults with a host family</p> <p>No specific aims identified</p> <p>To provide emergency care to the young adult at the home of a host family in an emergency situation (e.g. parents called away urgently or ill)</p> <p>To provide a break from caring for parents/carers in urgent situations</p>	<p>Children and adults with intellectual and other disabilities</p> <p>Patients with the following specific conditions accessed the services: not specified</p> <p>Age range was not specified</p> <p>Specific age cohorts for services included were not specified</p>	<p><i>Staff training</i></p> <p>Training on moving and handling, invasive procedures and behaviour management</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Funding</p>	<p><i>Frequency</i></p> <p>For contract families 16 nights per month; for homeshare families a few nights to 7 days per week</p> <p><i>Location</i></p> <p>With host family</p> <p><i>What's offered?</i></p> <p>Emergency or unplanned placement with host family</p>	<p>Young adults</p> <p>To receive appropriate care when their parents/main carer is not available</p> <p>Parents and wider family</p> <p>To receive a break from caring during emergency situations which require attention</p>	No evidence identified in the review for this type of respite to inform the logic model	
<p>Notes</p> <p>Column colours indicate different components of the model: purple shows service components, aims/expectations, light blue shows expectations of users and orange shows outcomes. Bold text indicates that assumptions were made in the initial logic modes based on the service information. These have been updated from the review evidence where possible. Source for this model: Hanrahan.⁹⁷</p>						

Appendix 21 Table of characteristics for studies included in stream 3 (experience and attitude)

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Abbott and Carpenter ⁷³	To investigate, from their own perspectives, how the health and well-being of young men living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and that of their parents can be maximised, particularly at the transition to adulthood. To consider the potential contribution of the national service framework for long-term neurological conditions for this group of people	England	Young adults aged > 15 years with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (n = 40) Parents of young adults with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (n = 31)	Qualitative methods, including postal surveys of parents and face-to-face interviews with young men	October 2007–November 2008	Recruitment not detailed, sampling not clear	Department of Health and Social Care Policy Research Programme
Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³	The key purpose of the My Life Project was to hear and give a voice to the experiences of young people with A-T	England	Young people and young adults with A-T aged 16–27 years (n = 11) Parents of young people and young adults with A-T (n = 10)	Qualitative interviews	May and June 2012	NR	AT Society (Harpenden, UK)
Dawson and Liddicoat ⁶²	The study aimed to gather data on the therapeutic value of camp of individuals with disability and also attempted to understand what the mechanisms of the camp experience generate these benefits	USA	Adults aged 19–76 years with cerebral palsy (n = 27) Parents also surveyed, but no numbers presented	Qualitative methods, including questionnaire to young adults and parents, interviews (either by individual one to one or focus groups) and thematic analysis of interview data	NR	All camp participants invited to take part in questionnaire, purposeful sample of these invited to take part in the interviews	NR

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Grinyer <i>et al.</i> ⁷¹	<p>To better understand how hospice services were experienced by the families who use them</p> <p>To discover how the children and young people and their families experienced the hospice services, what they found helpful and supportive, and what improvements they felt could be made</p>	England	<p>Service users with a range of conditions aged 10 months to 36 years ($n = 3$)</p> <p>Parents, siblings, wider family and paid carers ($n = 21$)</p>	Qualitative methods, including questionnaires, qualitative interviews and framework analysis	NR	Hospice staff distributed questionnaires to 76 families that had accessed the service, 26 families responded and of these 11 families volunteered for interview. Twenty-four interviews were conducted with family members from these 11 families	Commissioned by the hospice trustees and managers
Hutcheson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁹	To determine: the views of the young people, their families and staff towards the 'Beyond Horizon' pilot and whether or not it has met its aims in facilitating young people to live life to the fullest, whether or not the service has helped young people and their parents transition from children's palliative care services and, if so, how this service could be developed and replicated in other areas	Northern Ireland	Young people aged 18-25 years with LLCs who previously accessed children's hospice services ($n = 14$)	A qualitative focus group with young people, parents and health professionals, and thematic analysis	Commenced June 2015	Total population sample of all young people who used the service	Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland: Developing Social Change Programme

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Kerr <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁴	To obtain an overview of organisational approaches to transition on the island of Ireland, and to explore important organisational factors that may influence the effectiveness of the process	Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland	Participants were 104 individual service providers from 29 statutory and non-statutory organisations providing transition services to young adults with life-limiting conditions	A cross-sectional questionnaire survey	April–October 2014		All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (Dublin, Ireland) and Health and Social Care, Research and Development Division, Public Health Agency (Belfast, Northern Ireland) as part of a Doctoral Fellowship for Helen Kerr
Kirk and Fraser ²²	To examine how young people with life-limiting conditions and their parents experience transition To identify families' and hospice staff's perceptions of family support needs during transition To identify the implications for children's hospices	UK	Young people aged 16–31 years, not at an end-of-life stage, from one children's hospice (<i>n</i> = 16) Parents (<i>n</i> = 16)	Qualitative semistructured interviews and grounded theory approach	February–July 2012	Young people and their parents were recruited from one children's hospice. Hospice workers were recruited from a hospice staff list	No specific grant from any funding agency in the public, commercial or not-for-profit sectors
Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷	To answer the question what are views of staff working in children's and adult hospices in the UK on the availability and challenges of providing services for young adults with LLCs aged ≥ 18 years?	UK	Respondents included children and adult hospices in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (<i>n</i> = 76)	Cross-sectional online survey and open-text responses analysed using a content analysis approach	October 2015 to February 2016	A convenience sample was recruited via an e-mail invitation, which was sent to all 221 hospice leads in the UK	Liverpool CCG (Liverpool, UK)

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Knighting ⁷⁵	To explore the views and experiences of transition planning, access to services and wishes for future services from young adults aged > 18 years and parents across the UK	UK	Young adults aged 22–37 years who had accessed short break service at a hospice, hospital or other setting (<i>n</i> = 6) Parents (<i>n</i> = 38)	Online survey	June and August 2017	NR	Liverpool CCG
Luzinat <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁸	To explore parental perspectives of the benefits gained from HTC for individual family members and examine parental perspectives on how HTC influenced the family as a whole HTC aims to provide families with a fun experience where they can create new friendships, share experiences of ABI with other families, rebuild individual and family identity, and become part of a supportive community	Australia	Parents of children and young adults aged 7–21 years with ABI who had attended HTC (<i>n</i> = 31)	Semistructured interviews and thematic analysis	May 2016	Parents who attended HTC in May 2016 were approached	NR
MacDonald and Greggans ⁷⁰	To evaluate the impact of a community youth-befriending programme on a group of young people with chronic illness and their carers	Scotland	Children and young people with cystic fibrosis aged 8–18 years (<i>n</i> = 10) Professionals (<i>n</i> = 4) Befrienders (<i>n</i> = 3)	A descriptive qualitative design, interviewing young people and their parents, including focus groups with befrienders and framework analysis	NR	All families that used the befriending programme were approached	NR

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Marsh <i>et al.</i> ³⁵	<p>To answer the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the issues and opportunities for young people with life-limiting conditions, and for their families/carers, in managing their own best transition to becoming young adults? • How can we together best tackle these challenges? 	UK	<p>Groups: young people and young adults with LLCs aged 13–25 years (<i>n</i> = 15)</p> <p>Interviews: young people and young adults aged 13–25 years with LLCs (<i>n</i> = 7)</p>	Qualitative methods, including interviews, open-space multistakeholder events, individual and group interviews and social network analysis	January–March 2011	Unclear	Marie Curie Cancer Care supported by funding from the Department of Health and Social Care
Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰	This research aimed to further our understanding of the barriers to and facilitators of providing effective and appropriate palliative care and support to children and their families	England	<p>Young people and young adults aged ≥ 18 years with LLCs (<i>n</i> = 12)</p> <p>Parents (<i>n</i> = 12)</p> <p>Professionals (<i>n</i> = 53)</p> <p>Service providers (<i>n</i> = 181)</p>	Qualitative methods, including interviews, focus groups, consultation with advisory group, narrative review, mapping services, surveys, in-depth interviews and semistructured interviews	2011–12	Key informants identified through key individuals in the funding organisation, the mapping exercise identified organisations to send survey to and a random sample of referrals to Martin House Children's Hospice	Martin House Children's Hospice

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ²⁷	To explore the impact of the hospice planned and emergency respite care on children and young people with life-limiting conditions, their families and stakeholders to inform future service development	England	Children and young adults aged ≥ 11 years with LLCs Phase 1 ($n = 8$) Carers phase 1 ($n = 8$) Professionals phase 1 ($n = 39$) Families phase 2 ($n = 33$)	Mixed methods, including a survey, semistructured interviews and focus groups	December 2013 to June 2014	Purposive sample identified in consultation with hospice staff, participants recruited via e-mail/letter	Claire House Children's Hospice
Murphy and Mackay ¹⁰⁹	To ascertain the views of young people with complex needs and the views of their parents about health services before transition, health services during transition, health services after transition and what could be improved	Scotland	Young people aged 14–30 years with complex health needs ($n = 4$): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at or near time of transition • living at home • using health services • sufficient vision to see symbols • symbolic understanding for simple images Parents ($n = 7$)	Qualitative and interviews	NR	CEN team (Edinburgh, UK) agreed to contact families to explain the project and obtain consent. They then sent the contact details to the Talking Mats team (Stirling, UK) who arranged the visits, which were all conducted in the family's home	Commissioned by CEN

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign ⁶⁵	The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign began to compile evidence for this report on hospice and respite care for young adults following the announcement by the Children's Hospice Association Scotland of its proposals to phase out its services for young adults	Scotland	Young people with Duchenne	Consultation with young people	NR	NR	Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
Shared Care Scotland ⁷²	To consider what round 1 projects have achieved, to capture their challenges and, from this, to consider what learning can be taken forward into future funding allocations	Scotland	The report details a range of services for carers and cared-for individuals with a range of conditions, we have extrapolated those delivered to young adults with complex health-care needs only	Mixed methods, including analysis of End of Grant Reports, interviews with funded projects, meetings with key groups and telephone consultations	March–October 2011		Scottish Government, managed by Shared Care Scotland

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶	<p>To review the individual projects and explore their achievements and challenges</p> <p>To consider how well round 2 projects have contributed towards delivery of the outcomes set for the Short Breaks Fund</p> <p>To consider how well round 2-funded projects delivered the principles of the Short Breaks Fund and to capture and highlight examples of innovation, good practice and learning</p> <p>To make recommendations for improving the reach and impact of the Short Breaks Fund in the future</p>	Scotland	The report details a range of services for carers and cared for individuals with a range of conditions, we have extrapolated those delivered to young adults with complex healthcare needs only	Evaluation methods, including case studies	October 2011 to October 2012		Scottish Government, managed by Shared Care Scotland

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Stylianou ⁶⁹	<p>The study addresses four main research questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the experiences and feelings of mothers following the child's birth until the time of awareness or diagnosis of a disability? 2. What kind of support did mothers have access to throughout their journeys of raising their disabled children, formal and informal? 3. What support did they receive at time of interview and what were their assessments of support that they received? 4. How far did mothers experience stigmatisation related to their child's disability and how did they experience and cope with stigma? 	Cyprus	Parents of children and young adults with a range of disabilities (n = 25)	Qualitative semistructured interviews and thematic analysis	NR	Mothers were selected through purposive and snowball sampling techniques	This is a thesis submitted to University College London, (London, UK) for PhD

Source	Aim/objective	Location	Population	Study design and methods	Data collection period	Sample selection/recruitment	Funding
Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶¹	To build on previous research and explore the views and perspectives of young adults, parents/carers and professionals engaged with the service to determine how the service was delivered, how the service was experienced and what difference the service makes to the lives of young adults and carers	England	Young adults with LLCs (<i>n</i> = 2) Parents (<i>n</i> = 4) Service staff (<i>n</i> = 15)	Semistructured individual interviews or focus group interviews and framework analysis	2012–13	Young adults were identified using an opportunistic sampling approach. Parents and staff were then identified using snowball sampling	Big Lottery Fund (Now known as the National Lottery Community Fund)

ABI, acquired brain injury; A-T, ataxia-telangiectasia; CEN, Children with Exceptional Healthcare Needs; HTC, Heads Together Camp; NR, not reported; PhD, Doctor of Philosophy.

Appendix 22 Quality assessment of included sources in stream 3 (single source documents $n = 20$)

Source	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
^a Abbott and Carpenter ⁷³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	No	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes
^a Beresford <i>et al.</i> ⁶³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Not very
Liddicoat and Dawson ⁶²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes
Grinyer <i>et al.</i> ⁷¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Not very
Hutcheson <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Not very
Kerr <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes
Kirk and Fraser ²²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^b Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^{a,b} Knighting <i>et al.</i> ⁷⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes
Luzinat <i>et al.</i> ⁶⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MacDonald and Greggans ⁷⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^a Marsh <i>et al.</i> ³⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^a Martin House Children's Hospice ⁶⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^b Mitchell <i>et al.</i> ¹⁰⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^a Murphy and Mackay ¹⁰⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^a Muscular Dystrophy Campaign ⁶⁵	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell
^a Shared Care Scotland ⁷²	Yes	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell

Source	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
^a Shared Care Scotland ⁶⁶	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell	Cannot tell
^a Stylianou ⁶⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cannot tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
^b Young <i>et al.</i> ⁶¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

a Non-peer-reviewed evidence (e.g. service report, PhD dissertation).

b Source documents.

Notes

Yes/no/cannot tell to answer:

1. Was there a clear statement of the aims of the research?
2. Is a qualitative methodology appropriate?
3. Was the research design appropriate to address the aims of the research?
4. Was the recruitment strategy appropriate to the aims of the research?
5. Were the data collected in a way that addressed the research issue?
6. Has the relationship between researcher and participants been adequately considered?
7. Have ethics issues been taken into consideration?
8. Were the data analysis sufficiently rigorous?
9. Is there a clear statement of findings?
10. How valuable is the research?

Appendix 23 Review evidence matrix

Knowledge map respite care classification														
Evidence stream	Residential respite (specialist facility)			Home-based respite				Community, leisure and social provision			Emergency respite (unplanned)			Gap analysis by type of evidence
	Palliative care facility	Disability facility	Nursing home	Daytime	Overnight	Host family/fostering	Day-care respite (specialist facility)	Organised recreational activities	Befriending schemes	Funded holidays with friends, parents/carers	Palliative care facility	In home or hospital	Host family	
Intervention effectiveness	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence identified
Health economics	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No formal evidence identified Limited cost information from one knowledge map source included narratively in discussion ¹²³
Experience and attitudes	Nine sources ^{27,41, 59-61,64,67,71,76}	Two sources ^{62,68}	One source ⁶¹	Three sources ^{60,63,69}	Three sources ^{60,63,69}	No evidence	One source ⁶³	Five sources ^{59,60,63, 66,72}	One source ⁷⁰	Three sources ^{63,66,72}	Two sources ^{27,67}	No evidence	No evidence	Evidence from young adults, parents, wider family and service providers. Evidence of benefits and potential for harms identified. No evidence for host family/fostering, emergency respite in home or hospital, or emergency respite by host family. Some generic sources
UK policy and guidelines	Sixteen UK policy sources and four NFPO guidance sources ^{26,30,88-93,98,99,110,111,114-118,128,129,131}												Statutory and regulatory sources, national standards/frameworks and NFPO guidance for commissioners and providers on services for young people with complex needs and transition between children and adult services	
Gap analysis by type of respite service (See individual logic models in Appendices 8-20 for details)	Respite type with most evidence was typically children's hospices. Evidence from all perspectives. Benefits and potential harms identified. Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes			Limited evidence. Further evidence needed of use and experience of day and overnight respite care. Perspectives from parents and service providers only. Benefits and potential harms identified. Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes			Limited evidence. Further evidence needed of use and experience of day respite care. Benefits and potential harms identified	Limited evidence of befriending and low evidence of organised recreational activities. Further evidence needed of use and experience of befriending as a low-cost, potential high-benefit respite type. Benefits and potential harms identified	Limited evidence. Further evidence needed of use and experience of holidays taken with families and with carers. Some benefits identified	Limited evidence. Further evidence needed of use and experience of emergency respite care across all services. Perspectives from parents and service providers only	Limited evidence. Further evidence needed of use and experience of emergency respite care across all services. Perspectives from parents and service providers only	Despite high confidence in most sources of evidence (see Table 4), there is low evidence for the majority of respite types, particularly emergency respite care Lack of longitudinal data to identify long-term outcomes for all types of respite care, and no comparison studies to compare types and costs with experience and outcomes		
Note Shaded areas indicate where no evidence was found.														

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