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# Squirrels Respite Service

**Squirrels is a four-bed residential short breaks unit offering ground floor, wheelchair accessible, accommodation, combining a homely atmosphere with special facilities for children aged 8-18 who have complex health needs.**

**Based in Aylsham, Squirrels has a dedicated team of nurses and nursing assistants who are trained to meet the needs of the children, and we work closely with colleagues across NCH&C to offer a multidisciplinary approach for your child.**

**A named nurse and nursing assistant will work with you and your child to devise safe and effective care plans to ensure all your child's individualised needs are met during their stay.**

**Children can be allocated a set number of nights per month depending on their health and social care assessments.**

Respite care is incredibly important; caring for a loved one can be an exhausting experience. It's our vision to provide the highest quality respite care to children with complex health needs, and we strive to provide a service that meets the needs of families.

Children staying at Squirrels are expected to attend their school during term time. We also encourage participation in activities such as trips out, use of the sensory room, use of the enclosed garden, and as much fun as possible.

Referrals can be made to Squirrels via a health professional e.g. GP, paediatrician, Norfolk Children's Services, or by your child's social worker.

We encourage parents to come for a walk around and meet some of the team before a referral is made.

## Find out more:

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Opening hours:
We are a five day a week service, open Wednesday to Sunday