



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**14 MARCH 2006**

Cabinet Member for Adult Services

# ITEM 10

## **CONSULTATION ON THE MODERNISATION OF LEARNING DISABILITY DAY AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Government White Paper Valuing People (2001) and the Best Value Reviews of Day and Residential Services, completed in 2001, aim to transform and modernise services for people with learning disabilities.
- 1.2 The attached public consultation document explains our local interpretation of this and proposes a 'vision' to identify a range of linked developments over a 4-year period, which will achieve the Governments Modernisation agenda.
- 1.3 Our aim is to reconfigure and improve services in order to provide for the rising numbers of people with complex and high support needs, well into the future.
- 1.4 We aim to achieve sustainable service developments based on improved organisational efficiency.
- 1.5 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting. I support the following recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To commence consultation on the Derby City vision to reconfigure and improve Day and Residential Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities.
- 2.2 Following consultation, a feedback report will be presented to Cabinet together with a proposed set of actions before any changes are implemented.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 We have a duty to consult people and need to ensure that everybody affected by the proposals has the opportunity to voice their opinion and make suggestions.
- 3.2 Following the Best Value Reviews, the learning disability service has regularly consulted and updated stakeholders about service changes. This practice needs to continue.
- 3.3 The principle of consultation fits with Valuing People's priorities for choice and control, to ensure that people with learning disabilities are at the centre of everything that happens to them and about them.

- 3.4 We want to work in partnership with people to obtain their views and opinions because this will assist us to shape future services and ensure that we plan for services that people need and want.
- 3.5 Derby City Council has made a commitment to be open, transparent and honest in everything they do.



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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 The proposed public consultation document and timetable is attached. This document will be provided in an easy read, appropriate format if this proposal is agreed.
- 1.2 The general consultation process is timetabled for a 3month period to ensure that everybody who wishes to, has the opportunity to participate in the consultation.
- 1.3 Following this and any remodelling of the vision further specific consultations with service users and staff will take place before changes occur.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2 There is an option to leave the current services as they are. However, this is not feasible in the light of the new requirements of the Commission for Social Care Inspection, the Best Value Reviews of Residential and Day Services 2001 and the Valuing People recommendations. Our current buildings are not fit for purpose. The residential units do not meet CSCI standards and the day centres require significant upgrading. Current services must change if we are to meet the modernisation challenge and maintain people with high support needs at home longer and support their informal carers. Services must become more individualised and person-centred if we are to meet the aspirations of people with learning disabilities to play a full and valued part in the life of the community.

**For more information contact:**

**Background papers:**

**List of appendices:**

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None

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Consultation Timetable

Appendix 3 – Consultation on the Modernisation of Learning  
Disability Day and Residential Services

Appendix 4 - Questionnaire

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 None arising from the consultation process. Any costs attached to facilitating the process will be met from within existing resources.
- 1.2 Costs arising from any proposed changes that might be agreed after the consultation period will be covered in detail in future reports. As far as possible, costs will be contained within the existing financial envelope.

**Legal**

- 2.1 We have a duty to consult with people.
- 2.2 The Derby City Consultation Strategy August 2002 sets out the framework for consulting people in Derby.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising from the consultation process. Staff and Trade Unions will be invited.
- 3.2 Further specific consultations will take place as necessary after Cabinet have agreed any further actions.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4 None arising directly from the consultation process. However, we need to ensure that we use appropriate methods of communication and consultation and work in partnership with Advocacy Services so that people with learning disabilities can make their views known.

**Corporate Themes and Priorities**

- 5. This accords with the Council's objectives of **healthy, safe and independent communities** and furthers the priority of **modernising social care, including adult home care**.

## CONSULTATION TIMETABLE

Consultation Start Date	Targeted Stakeholder Group	Consultation Methods to be used	Material to be distributed	Leads for consultation	Consultation End Date
20 March 06	Service Users	Briefings and Meetings	Easy read consultation document	Jenny Liew/ Kate Wilson	16 June 06
	Carers/Family Members	Briefings and Meetings	Full Consultation Document	Jenny Liew/ Kate Wilson	
	Staff Health and Social Services	Briefings and Meetings. E-mail	Full Consultation Document	Jenny Liew	
	Unions	Meetings	Full Consultation Document	Jenny Liew/ Kate Wilson	
	PCT	Email	Full Consultation Document	Claire Saul	
	Community Organisations	Advocacy Systems	Full Consultation Document	Dave Goss/ Julie Hart	
	Providers	Mail Shot	Full Consultation Document	Rachel Westwood	
	Voluntary Organisations	Mail Shot	Full Consultation Document	Rachel Westwood	

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15 March 06	Advocacy	Meetings	Full Consultation Document and easy read version.	Jenny Liew/ Julie Hart & Dave Goss	16 June 06
	Partnership Board	Meetings & Presentation	Full Consultation Document		
	Speak Out	Meetings & Presentation	Easy read version	Mick Connell/ Kate Wilson	
	Local Schools/Connexions	Mail Shot	Full Consultation Document	Julie Hart	
	Stakeholders	Mail Shot	Full Consultation Document	Jenny Liew  Jenny Liew/ Kate Wilson	

All stakeholders will be signposted to a questionnaire, which will record their views and opinions.