

Day Services Review

As you will be aware, Devon County Council has been consulting on the future of our services in the authority's day centres and I am writing to let you know the result of the consultation.

We have carefully considered the feedback received during the consultation, and the range of alternative provision available, and the County Council will stop providing day services for older people and people with learning disabilities, except in areas of insufficient alternative supply.

This means that day services in 17 day centres will stop over a phased period of time. The three Mid Devon short break schemes will also stop over the coming months.

The Council will continue to directly provide day services for adults in the areas where alternative provision is not currently available. 17 services are retained including merged centres, and investment in new centres in Totnes, Tavistock and Newton Abbot will continue.

Due to the high number of County Council day centres in Barnstaple and the restricted number of alternatives, services for older people and adults with learning disabilities will be located to a single site. There will also be a merged centre in Kingsbridge.

Please see the information below for details of when this will take place for each service. The phasing has taken into account a range of factors including the number of day centre service users impacted, available capacity in the market, geography and location of services. This view has not been reached lightly and we know it will be concerning for clients, their families and for staff.

We have written to all clients and their families and carers to reassure them that there will be no change to entitlement and that everyone eligible for Council support will continue to receive it. We will be meeting with clients and their families/carers over the next few weeks to support them in finding alternative, local provision either in the voluntary or independent sector.

We are also meeting with our staff to explain what this means for them and to offer them support and advice.

Please be aware that this matter is now subject to a process of ratification and may be examined further by the County Council's Scrutiny Committee.

You can find the consultation report on the Tough Choices website

<http://new.devon.gov.uk/dayservices/> or if you would like a copy sent directly to you, or you have any questions, please email clcfedback@devon.gov.uk or email me directly stuart.barker@devon.gov.uk

Phasing For Implementation

The day centres recommended for the first phase of implementation are listed below. Provided the approval of these recommendations is ratified, we plan to begin to support service users and their carers to achieve this change immediately following the ratification process. In the interim additional staff will be available at certain times to support the manager and staff in communications with the service users and families.

Timescales are indicative and subject to change. Service users, carers and staff would be informed of any such changes.

Phase 1 - From July 2014 (subject to change)

Day Centre/short breaks scheme	Recommendation
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St Lawrence, Crediton	Close
Charlton Lodge, Tiverton	Close
Alphin, Exeter	Close
Davey Court, Exmouth	Close
Chambers, Crediton	Close
Crediton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Tiverton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Okehampton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Quayside, Bideford	Close
Plough, Torrington	Close
Wardhayes, Okehampton	Close
Puzzle Tree/Lyric, Okehampton	Reduce numbers and Retain as a single service based at Lyric
Old Bakery/ Old Bartows	Retain as a single service. Site to be determined
Oasis, Barnstaple	Allocate a case worker to the group to assist them in seeking an alternative solution.

For the later phases it is anticipated that work with service users and their carers would commence 3-4 months following the earlier group listed, with an overall period in the region of 12-18 months required to complete the implementation of these recommendations.

Phase 2 – From September 2014 (subject to change)

Day Centre/short breaks scheme	Recommendation
St Lawrence, Crediton	Close
Charlton Lodge, Tiverton	Close
Alphin, Exeter	Close
Davey Court, Exmouth	Close
Chambers, Crediton	Close
Crediton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Tiverton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Okehampton Short Breaks Scheme	Close
Quayside, Bideford	Close
Plough, Torrington	Close
Wardhayes, Okehampton	Close
Puzzle Tree/Lyric, Okehampton	Reduce numbers and Retain as a single service based at Lyric
Old Bakery/ Old Bartows	Retain as a single service. Site to be determined
Oasis, Barnstaple	Allocate a case worker to the group to assist them in seeking an alternative solution

Phase 3 – From November 2014 (subject to change)

Day Centre	Recommendation
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Harewood House, Tavistock	Close
Springfields, Bideford	Close
Bodley, Exeter	Close
Molly Owen, Tavistock	Retain at Abbeyrise

Centres that are not part of this phased programme.

Day Centre	Recommendation
Newholme, Honiton	Retain
Passmore Edwards Centre, Newton Abbot	Retain
Nichols, Exeter	Retain
Woodland Vale, Torrington	Retain
Mapleton, Newton Abbot	DCC will develop day service provision at Mapleton as part of DCE