



Future of the Day Care at Greenacre



Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting on the future of Greenacre Older Persons' Home. Having reviewed a number of options for the future of the home, the Council's current preferred option is to offer and arrange accommodation for the existing residents in good alternative care homes and then to close Greenacre. The outcome of this consultation could have an impact on Greenacre Day Centre.

We therefore wish to consult with Greenacre Day Centre attendees and their family and/or carers about the options for the day care service.

The Council has considered the following options for the Day Care Centre:

Option 1. Do Nothing. If a decision is made to close the home then the continuation of the operation of the Day Centre in its current form would not be sustainable. Therefore in these circumstances the 'do nothing' option would either be impractical to achieve or would represent very poor value for money, as it would entail the Day Centre

Option 2. Move current service 'as is' to Houghton Regis Day Centre. The centre at Houghton Regis has space available to accommodate the Greenacre Day Centre as a separate entity, so the only significant change to attendees would be a change in venue. This may result in a slightly longer journey for some attendees (but perhaps less for others) but the overall disruption would be minimal. This may also provide the opportunity for existing transport arrangements to be streamlined to minimise journey times and give value for money. The move may also open up other activities for attendees to enjoy.

Option 3. Move current service to Houghton Regis Day Centre as above but mix in the groups over time. This option would be similar to Option 2 but it would be planned that over time both the attendee and staff groups would mix together. This could be a little more disruptive but could result in more availability of places and a more personalised service in terms of what abilities and interests attendees may have. It also means that attendees benefit fully from a wider range of activities within the centre.

Option 4. Provide the same day care service using another venue. This could be by building somewhere or by commissioning the service in a new or existing building. This option could not be achieved in the short term. It would be more expensive than other options.

Option 5. Replace existing provision with individual services. In this option current and future attendees could be provided with help to access community-based services and activities to meet their needs. The cost would be met through a Personal Budget or Direct Payment. Whilst this may be an option for some attendees we do not currently think that there are suitable alternative services in place at present to make this a viable option for all of the people who use the Day Centre.

The options considered

The Council preferred options would be:- Option 2 - Move current service to Houghton Regis Day Centre or Option 3 - Move current service to Houghton Regis Day Centre as per option 2, but mix in the groups over time.

You can see the explanation about our preference in the 'Options considered for Day Care at Greenacre' document.

Q1 How far do you agree or disagree with the Council's preferred options?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Q2 What are your views on our preferred options?

Q3 Are there any options we have considered that you think we have not correctly evaluated?

- Yes No Don't know

Q4 If yes, please state which options and why you think they should be evaluated differently.

Q5 Are there any options listed that you think the Council should investigate in more detail?

- Yes No Don't know

Q6 If yes, please state which options and say what further information or investigation is needed.

Q7 Are there any other option(s) that you think we should consider that are not in the document?

- Yes No Don't know

Q8 If yes, please explain what these options are.

Q9 Do you have any further comments about the future of Day Care at Greenacre?

Welfare of attendess at Day Care - Greenacre

Q10 Throughout the process we will be conducting meetings with attendess of Day Care at Greenacre and their relatives, and providing advocates where necessary. Are there any other actions you think we should be taking to minimise the impact of any changes on existing attendess and their relatives?

Other comments

Q11 Please write any other comments that you may have about the provision of Day Care at Greenacre here:

Please turn to the next page to complete the information about you.

About You

This section of the survey is about you. The following information will help us when considering your opinions and to make sure that we're getting the views of all members of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual.

Q12 Are you a: (please select one option)

Attendee of Day Care at Greenacre

Relative of a resident

Member of staff

If other, please specify:

Member of the public

Charity or organisation

Other

Q13 Are you male or female? (please select one option)

Male

Female

Q14 What is your age? (please select one option)

Under 16 yrs

16-19 yrs

20-29 yrs

30-44 yrs

45-59 yrs

60-64 yrs

65-74 yrs

75+

Q15 Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (please select one option)

Under the Equality Act 2010 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Yes

No

Q16 To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (please select one option)

White British

Black or Black British

Asian or Asian British

If other, please specify:

Mixed

Chinese

Other

Q17 What is your postcode?

This will only be used for analysis purposes and will not be used to identify you in any way

Q18 If you would like to receive any updates on this consultation or alerts for any new consultations, please provide your email address below to be added to the list:

Thank you. Please return your completed form by Wednesday 13th January 2016 to:

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Greenacre Older Persons Home consultation

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