

Note on the Outcome of Consultation on A Bolder Community Services proposals

Date: 18 December 2013

This note provides an update on the outcome of the ABCS consultation together with an outline of immediate next steps.

This outcome of the consultation will be formally considered by City Council Cabinet on 7 January 2014 with papers becoming public on 23 December 2013. The matter will also be discussed at Scrutiny Board 5 on 18 December 2013 and, as this is a meeting held in public, a series of communications will also be issued on the 18 December 2013.

In the course of the consultation, the following activity took place:

- 90 consultation meetings were held
- 1,100 people were spoken to
- 536 survey monkey records were created
- 8,500 people were directly contacted
- 2000+ website hits were received
- 2 petitions were received (Coventry MIND 1874 signatories, Age UK/Coventry Carers Centre end date 5/1/14)
- 184 letters (Age UK) and 82 letters (Risen Christ) were received

As a result of the consultation the following recommendations will be made to Cabinet:

- (a) Reduce funding to Age UK, Carers Centre, Grapevine and Alzheimer's Society by a 22.5% for each organisation with effect from 1 April 2014 and issue new three year grant aid agreements to these organisations empowering them to use resources flexibly to deliver good outcomes for their respective groups.
- (b) Implement reductions for Housing Related Support by taking an individual approach for each organisation. The arrangement for each organisation to be agreed by 1 April 2014 and implemented by 1 July 2014.
- (c) Cease care at Jack Ball House and George Rowley House Housing with Care schemes and relocate service users to other Housing with Care schemes within the City.
- (d) Close the Day Centres for Older People at Risen Christ and Frank Walsh House and relocate service users to Gilbert Richards.
- (e) Relocate the Day Centres for Adults with Learning Disabilities at Curriers Close and Watcombe Centre to Frank Walsh House.

- (f) Establish a specialist provision for service users at Brandon Wood Farm following further planning work.
- (g) Provide transitional funding to Risen Christ luncheon club to support the centre to make the financial and service adjustments required to continue longer term.
- (h) Retain the weekend dementia day service provided at the Maymorn Centre.
- (i) Support the proposal to develop a Reablement Strategy with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the offer of six-month initial funding to enable the Aylesford to continue while the strategy work is completed.
- (j) Close the in-house Home Support Short Term Service with a target date of 1 July 2014.

In terms of the original proposals, the following changes are proposed as a result of the consultation:

- Housing Related Support - Rather than implement a 60% reduction across all organisations a range of mechanisms will be implemented to reduce Housing Related Support based on each organisation's position and the vulnerability of those affected. For example, Older People services have the option to access alternative funding sources such as Housing Benefit and some Mental Health services have produced proposals to move to a model of floating support.
- Day Opportunities - The weekend Dementia Day service provided at the Maymorn Centre will be retained. Transitional funding will be provided to Risen Christ (for a period of 18 months) to enable the luncheon club to continue. It is expected that the service will become self-sustainable thereafter.
- The Aylesford – The Clinical Commissioning Group has agreed to fund the Aylesford for a period of six months until 30 September 2014 while work to develop a joint Health and Social Care Reablement Strategy is undertaken. The outcome of this work will inform the longer term future of the Aylesford Centre.

The Cabinet Report will be publically available on the Council website on 23 December 2013 at www.coventry.gov.uk/abcs or via the Council's Committee Management System http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/354/council_meetings

As a result of these recommendations support will not be withdrawn from anyone who meets the City Council's eligibility criteria for support. Approximately 150 City Council jobs will be lost should recommendations be approved.

Thank you for your contribution during the consultation and your continued engagement in this process.

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