



The main points from our meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2009



## We talked about:

- Day service changes
- Transfer of Commissioning

## Day service changes

The aim of this project is to modernise the dayservices provided by Surrey County Council. There was a big consultation last year.

Since the consultation a lot of work has been happening

### Researching buildings

We are doing a property search to find buildings in the community that we can use.

We are asking charities, councils and businesses to find out if there are buildings that are underused. **If you know of a building that could be used in the future please contact Claire Richards.** Phone 01372 832128 or email: [claire.richards@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:claire.richards@surreycc.gov.uk)



### The changes affect the 7 large day centre buildings run by Surrey County Council.

- **Fairways** Some of these buildings are very old and unsuitable.
- **Fernleigh**
- **The Harbour** Some buildings are too far away from public transport links.
- **Lockwood**
- **Bentley** The buildings are often fairly empty as people do more activities in the community
- **Cranstock**
- **Colebrook**

### Researching activities



The aim is that wherever you live in Surrey you should have an equal chance to do an activity.

We have been talking to lots of groups that provide services such as artists, teachers, employers and leisure centres. We have been finding out what activities and services they may be interested in providing for people in the future.

### Travel Travel is an important issue

We need to get this right if people are going to use more community based services. We are working on an LDDF bid on travel training.

Part of this bid is to develop a website and a network of travel people involved in Surrey. We will report back on this project later in the year.



### Work and volunteering

A strong theme from the consultation was people wanting to work, not just paid work but voluntary work too.

EmployAbility are working with more people to help them find work.

Did you know that Learning Disability Development Fund money is also being used to support the work of EmployAbility



### Specialist Community Hubs

We are developing the idea of specialist community hubs to provide expert support for people with more profound & complex needs. Other groups of people who may access these hubs are older people, people with autism, and dementia.



We will soon have detailed information about how much it would cost to bring some of our existing buildings up to a good standard.

## Day service changes - continued

### What happens next?

A Draft Day Activities Change Plan will be ready soon to discuss with Surrey County Councillors.

Anyone interested in the day services change will be able to see this report. **For more information**

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## Fast Track projects

We will be working on helping these projects to be independent and based in the community by April 2010.

- Firestone Rock Band
- Office Services (Woking & Leatherhead)
- Growth
- Laleham Arts
- Cobham Drop In



## Changing Places Toilets

**Standard disabled toilets do not meet the needs of thousands of people, including 40,000 people with profound and multiple learning disabilities.**

We will be contacting leisure centres in Surrey to find out what facilities they have for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. We want to find out whether they have equipment like hoists. We will also contact the Physical Disability Empowerment Boards to see if we can work together on this issue.

We will also contact district and borough councils to make them aware of the Changing Places Campaign. For more info visit our website [www.surreypb.org.uk](http://www.surreypb.org.uk)

## Transfer of Commissioning

**Andrew Price updated us about the transfer of money from Surrey Primary Care Trust, called NHS Surrey, to**

**Surrey County Council for Social Care Services.** Much of the money pays for residential and day services for people who were former long stay hospital residents.



### The Government says we have to transfer these services

The Government says it wants it to be clear that the NHS provides health services and councils provide social care services. Surrey County Council will promote individuals having choice and control in the services they need and use in the future.

**We expect the amount of money to transfer to be around £58 million for this financial year (April 2009 to March 2010) and £60 million next financial year (April 2010 to March 2011).** The final amounts may still change as there are still discussions over some remaining services.

From April 2011 the money will no longer transfer from NHS Surrey to Surrey County Council but be paid directly to Surrey County Council from the Government.



### Andrew answered questions from Partnership Board members

- People who are in services that are part of the transfer and their carers will be sent a letter explaining the changes. People using the services will not notice any immediate changes.
- Extra social care staff will be employed to make sure that people get a community care assessment of their needs. People will be offered advocacy to support them.
- The money transferring NHS Surrey is ring fenced to be used for services for the people who are transferring. After 2011 the Government will say how much money we are given.



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