

Consultation on the proposal to develop a 'Disabilities Hub' for people in Southwark

A change is being proposed to the way people with disabilities access support in Southwark. This will see the development of an accessible Hub, to provide information, advice and care and support to individuals whose lives are affected by disability and a change to day centre services in Southwark.

Background

The Care Act 2014, places a duty on local authorities to provide adults in need and their carers with information about care and support arrangements; the care and support choices they have; how the care system operates and how to access this support.

In Southwark, this is known as the 'local community offer' and it is proposed that this will be delivered via the establishment of community 'hubs' for people with disabilities, people with lived experience of mental health, older people and carers.

These hubs will deal with initial contacts and questions, and where required, will put individuals in contact with a range of universal, preventative and targeted services.

The Care Act requires local authorities to complete assessments for people, including carers, who appear to have a need for care and support. The local authority must then apply a national eligibility threshold to determine whether the individual has eligible needs.

A local authority must help a person plan how their eligible needs will be met through the preparation of a care and support plan or support plan for carers.

In Southwark, many individuals with disabilities meet some of their needs by attending a day service, either run by the council, or by an independent organisation and paid for with a personal budget.

What are we consulting on?

The proposal is to develop a disability hub which will provide a range of services for people with disabilities at Southwark Resource Centre. This will provide information, advice and care and support including structured day services.

The Camden Society previously leased two buildings from Southwark Council to use as day centres. These leases have now ended.

The council is working with The Camden Society to renew one of these leases at the Riverside day centre in Bermondsey.

The council's preferred option for the Queens Road site in Peckham is its redevelopment for use by Southwark staff caring for some of the borough's most vulnerable children and young people. For this reason the council does not propose to renew the lease at Queens Road and as a result the day centre would close.

The council already has a modern and purpose built centre for people with disabilities at the Southwark Resource Centre in Walworth. This centre is designed to provide services for adults with physical disabilities.

Because this building is designed and adapted for people with disabilities and has the potential to offer a wider range of services and supports, the centre is proposed as a potential site from which to operate a Disabilities Hub.

The centre provides services to people with physical disabilities, including sensory impairments, but the council considers that the centre is also suitable for people with learning disabilities. The development of a Disabilities Hub at Southwark Resource Centre would seek to expand the reach of this service to include people with learning disabilities.

Why is this change being proposed?

You will have heard on the news about the significant financial challenges all councils face in meeting adult social care needs. At the same time, demand for adult social care services is increasing. We need to look at the services provided in Southwark to ensure appropriate resources are available to protect our most vulnerable residents.

The council recognises that if the Queens Road day centre closes this will result in a disruption to people currently accessing services at the centre. However, all individuals with an eligible need accessing Queens Road will continue to receive services that are appropriate to meet their needs.

By bringing together a range of services into one hub, we are able to maximise choice and minimise cost.

The council wants to now seek the views from people who are or may be affected by these proposals.

About You:

Name	
Address	

Are you a:

(please tick (✓) one of the boxes)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Service User
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>(please tell us)</i> _____

Do you go to a day centre?

(please tick (✓) one of the boxes)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Queens Road Day Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverside Day Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwark Resource Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>(please tell us)</i> _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not attend a Day Centre

Please respond to the 3 questions below, telling us your views on the proposed change.

Do you agree with the proposal to develop a hub for people with disabilities in Southwark? *(please tell us in the box below)*

Yes	No
Why?	Why?

Do you think your needs will be met if this change went ahead? *(please tell us in the box below)*

Yes	No
Why?	Why?

Do you agree that Southwark Resource Centre would be an appropriate location for the hub? (please tell us in the box below)

Yes	No
Why?	Why?

If you have any other questions, comments or proposals about the proposed change, please provide these in the box below.

Equality monitoring

Age		
Are you...		
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 75-84
<input type="checkbox"/> 16-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 85-94
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 95+
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74	

Disability and health	
Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, limited a little <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, limited a lot <input type="checkbox"/> No, not limited
Please tick a box or boxes below which best describes the nature of your impairment(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing / Vision (e.g. deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing; blind or partial sight.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical / Mobility (e.g. wheelchair user, arthritis, multiple sclerosis etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health (lasting more than a year. e.g. severe depression, schizophrenia etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory problems (e.g. Alzheimer's etc.)
If you wish to specify your impairment, please do so here:	

Ethnicity	
What do you consider to be your ethnicity? Please pick one section below and tick one box.	
White or White British	
<input type="checkbox"/> British <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/> Other European
<input type="checkbox"/> Other White (please specify if you wish):	
Black or Black British	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black British <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian <input type="checkbox"/> Ghanaian	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leonean <input type="checkbox"/> Somali <input type="checkbox"/> Other African
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Black (please specify if you wish):	
Asian or Asian British	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian British <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Bengali <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian (please specify if you wish):	
Mixed Background	
<input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other mixed background (please specify if you wish):	
Other Ethnicities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arab <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American (please specify if you wish): <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnicity (please specify if you wish):	

Preferred language	
What is your preferred language?	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify if you wish):

Religion or belief		
What is your religion or belief?	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist <input type="checkbox"/> No religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Other religion or belief (please specify if you wish):		

Marriage or civil partnership status

Are you married or in a civil partnership?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered in a civil partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving member of a civil partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> Never married or never in a civil partnership |

Sex

Are you...

 Male Female**Gender reassignment**

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

-
- Yes
-
-
- No

Sexual orientation

Are you...

-
- Heterosexual / straight
-
-
- Lesbian/Gay woman

-
- Gay man
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- Bi-sexual

If you prefer to use your own term please specify this here:

What happens next?

Thank you for reading this proposal and providing your feedback. Once the consultation ends, the results of the consultation will be carefully considered and a decision will be made.

Consultation Period

Your response on the above change is needed during the consultation period which will run for 6 weeks from Monday, 26 June 2017 to Monday, 7 August 2017.

We would like to receive your views on this proposal.

We would like you to tell us what you think of the change being suggested. You can do this by:

- Completing the online questionnaire: www.southwark.gov.uk/disabilities-hub
- Completing the enclosed questionnaire and posting this back in the freepost envelope provided to:

FREEPOST RSCE-TGHU-CUZB
Southwark Council
Adult Social Care Disabilities Survey (4/1)
160 Tooley Street
London
SE1 2QH

Please ask your key worker, carer, family member or Social Worker if you need help with completing this consultation form.

Please return your comments by 7 August 2017.

Consultation timetable

Date	Action
April 2017	Consultative Stakeholder Group established
May 2017	Consultation & engagement planning
26 June 2017	6 week consultation commences
July 2017	Targeted engagement and event
7 August 2017	Consultation ends
08 - 22 August 2017	Period to consider the results of the survey
August 2017	Report on findings to Children & Adults Boards
September 2017	Feedback to stakeholders

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http://www.2.southwark.gov.uk/info/200031/freedom_of_information_and_data_protection/4068/fair_processing_notice

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