

Short breaks service

What do you think?



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Introduction



Leicestershire County Council is looking at making some changes to the **Short Breaks** service.



Short Breaks are where you stay in a care home to give you and your carer some time apart from each other.



The changes we are looking at will affect:

- Smith Crescent Short Breaks Service in Coalville
- The Trees Residential Home in Hinckley



Please tell us what you think about the changes by answering the questions in this Easy Read survey.



We need your answers by Sunday, 20 June 2021.

Why change?



The plans before COVID-19

Covid-19 is a new illness that has spread around the world.



We have all had to do things differently to keep safe from COVID-19.



Before COVID-19 we did have plans to:

- build a new short breaks place at Smith Crescent Short Breaks Service in Coalville
- have a mixture of people at The Trees Residential Home in Hinckley.





Smith Crescent Short Breaks Service in Coalville

The old buildings at Smith Crescent were not suitable for many of the people who wanted a short break.



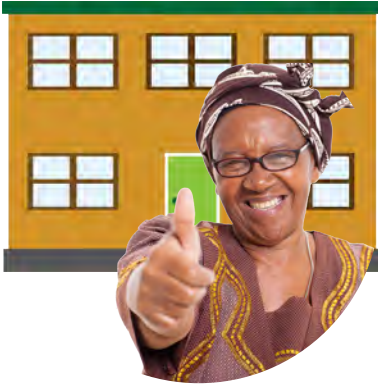
We thought that we needed to build some new buildings.



We had to close Smith Crescent to get ready to build the new building.



The Council has had to pause the new building at Smith Crescent because we haven't found a builder who can do the work in the way we want.



The Trees Residential Home in Hinckley

The Trees has recently been improved. The building is now in good condition.



There are 12 beds at The Trees. We have been using 4 for short breaks and 8 for people who live there all the time.



The people who lived in The Trees moved out so that the people who used to go to Smith Crescent had somewhere to go for their short break.



The people who lived in The Trees went to live in new places in their local community.



They are now happy living in their new homes in the community. They don't want to go back to The Trees.



Fewer people want to live in residential care

Residential care is where you live in a large place with other people who need a lot of care.



Fewer people want to live in residential care.



More people prefer to stay living independently with support in the community.



Fewer people are wanting to live in places like The Trees.

What we are suggesting for short breaks



We are suggesting to close the service at Smith Crescent and use all 12 beds at The Trees for short breaks.



This means there are an extra 2 places for short breaks in the county.



There used to be 22 spaces for people to be on a short break in Leicestershire. With this suggestion there will be 24.

What do you think?



Please tell us what you think about the changes we are suggesting by answering these questions.



Question 1: In what role are you answering these questions? *Please tick one box only*

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I use the short breaks service at Smith Crescent

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I use the short breaks service at another service. For example, The Trees, Carlton Drive or Melton Short Breaks

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I am a family member or carer of someone who uses the short breaks service at Smith Crescent

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I am a family member or carer of someone who uses the short breaks service at another service

☐ I am an interested member of the public

☐ I am a member of staff at Smith Crescent

☐ I am a member of staff of a social care organisation

☐ Other care professional

☐ Other - please say what



Question 2: Do you agree or disagree that the old buildings at Smith Crescent were not suitable for many of the people who wanted a short break? *Please tick one box only*

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Why do say this?



Question 3: Do you agree or disagree that we should use short breaks spaces at other places like The Trees instead of a new building at Smith Crescent? *Please tick one box only*

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Why do say this?



We will support the people who use the short breaks service at Smith Crescent to use other places like The Trees.



We will look at what people need to be able use these other services, like transport and daytime support.



Question 4: Do you agree or disagree with the way we will support people who use Smith Crescent to use other places for short breaks?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Why do say this?



Question 5: Do you have any comments about how the changes we are suggesting will affect you or other people?



Question 6: Do you have any other comments about the changes we are suggesting?

About you



Please answer these questions about yourself. Your answers will help us to make sure we are being fair to different groups of people in Leicestershire.



We will keep your information safe and private.



Question 7: What is your gender?

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Male

☐

Female

☐

I prefer to use another word



Question 8: Is your gender the same as the one you were given when you were born?

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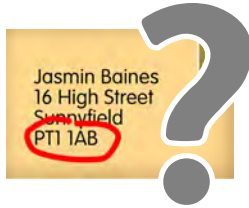
Yes

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No



Question 9: How old were you on your last birthday?



Question 10: What is your postcode?



Question 11: Do you care for someone aged 18 or over?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Question 12: Do you have a long-term illness or disability?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Question 13: What is your ethnic group?

- ☐ White
- ☐ Mixed
- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Other ethnic group



Question 14: What is your religion?

- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Any other religion



Question 15: Do you work for Leicestershire County Council?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



Question 16: What is your sexuality?

- ☐ Bisexual - you are attracted to people of both sexes
- ☐ Gay - you are man and attracted to other men
- ☐ Straight
- ☐ Lesbian - you are woman and attracted to other women
- ☐ Other

Thank you



Thank you for telling us what you think. Your answers will help us to make our final decision.

Please now send your answers back to us by post to:



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We need your answers by Sunday, 20 June 2021.

For more information



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