

Community Life Choices FAQs – September 2021

What is Community Life Choices (CLC)?

Community Life Choices (CLC) is better known as day care or day services where adults with health needs, like learning and physical difficulties or mental illnesses, can enjoy social activities and get help with day-to-day life skills.

Leicestershire County Council directly operates and manages some day centres in the county. These are referred to as in-house services.

The council also commissions day services from independent providers. Approximately 957 people across the county access day services, of these, 112 people currently access in-house services.

What is being consulted on?

The in-house service could cease and be replaced by independent sector provision at other locations or through appropriate alternative services.

The council would continue to fund the support for people to access day services, but that support may not be based at the current day centre locations.

The council's aim is to address service gaps in the current provision.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic fewer people have been accessing in-house services and the council is looking to provide a more cost-effective service.

What is not being consulted on?

This consultation focuses on the way CLC services would be delivered in the future and is not proposing the closure or sale of buildings where the services are currently based.

These county council-owned buildings often house other services, including those run by external organisations.

The consultation is not proposing any changes to the council's short breaks service offer.

This provides overnight care for people with learning difficulties at:

- Melton Short Breaks, Melton Mowbray
- Carlton Drive Short Breaks, Wigston
- The Trees, Hinckley

The council has committed to retain this service.

Which locations where the service is provided are affected?

- Bridgeview (Melton Mowbray)
- The Trees (Hinckley)

- Coalville Community Resource Centre (Coalville)
- Hood Court (Ashby)
- Roman Way (Market Harborough)
- Timber Street (South Wigston)
- Carlton Drive & Blaby Base (Wigston and Blaby)
- Victoria & Carnegie Centre Community Life Choices (Loughborough)

Have any decisions already been made about the future of CLC services or day centres?

No. At this stage the council wishes to hear the views of anybody who is interested in the issue.

What is the timeframe?

The consultation began on August 31 and ends at midnight on October 26.

Responses will be used to form a recommendation to cabinet in December 2021.

Subject to a cabinet decision, proposed changes could begin to be implemented from January 2022.

How will families be supported through any changes?

The council will continue to conduct reviews of all people that currently access in-house CLC services and support people in their transition and move to appropriate alternative services to meet their needs.

How do people have their say?

To submit your views please fill out the consultation survey and make sure it reaches us by midnight on 26 October 2021 at the latest. The survey is available online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/in-house-community-life-choices

There will be consultation discussions with users of in-house CLC services, and/or their family members, carers and staff.

Advocacy support will be available, as required, to ensure that current users are able to participate.

If you are able to, please complete this survey online.

Paper copies of the survey are available on request by calling 0116 3055233.

You can send your completed questionnaire to the following freepost address:

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