

Changing Learning Disability Services



Freeways



Nolan's Table cafe



Wood n Ware



The Check in Cafe



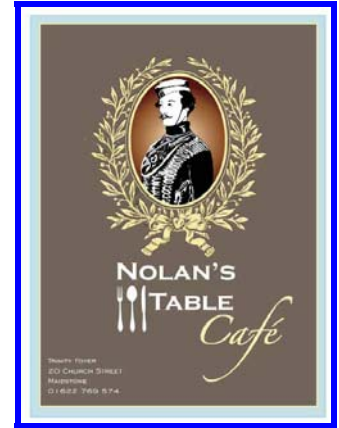
Wood and leather Craft

Consultation March 2012

Consultation

1. Why are we consulting?

You currently attend services below;



We know that some people have been going to these services for a long time.

Kent County Council has already been talking to you about the activities you do now and those you may want to do in the future.

We now need to look at how these services are run.

It is important you are part of this and so we want to hear from everyone who uses these services.

This is called consultation.

Your service has been chosen because we think it could be run differently.

In order to do this well, we need to find another organisation (not KCC), who could help develop the service.

2. Why do these services need to change?

- We think that Freeways, Wood and Leather Craft, Wood n Ware and both Cafes could benefit from changes that develop further opportunities for people who go now and in the future.
- If services become independent and community based, they will be able to offer more chances to gain skills and training, as well as experience of the world of work.

3. What happens next?



The consultation will take 90 days, as we want to make sure that as many people as possible are included.

There will be a range of ways for people to get involved and tell us what they think, including:

- Workshops
- Group meetings
- Individual meetings
- Email

We want people to understand the changes. We want people to make their views and ideas known. The consultation will include support from the advocacy service, "Advocacy for All".

Other services have already changed, and we will arrange for you to speak to people who use these services and hear what this has meant to them.

The Consultation starts on the 26 March and will last until the 25 June 2012.

Once we have got all your views and ideas. We will bring all this together in a report that you get to see.

5. Questions and Answers



Here are some questions you might ask:

How will this new service change?

- By making sure any changes made meet your needs.
- Independent community based services can find different pots of money and so are able to use a wider range of opportunities.
- If the services are run by other organisations, more people could use their Direct Payments.

Will I be able to carry on going to the service?

- Yes if you want to.

How would a new organisation be chosen?

- By listening to you, we can plan the service around your views.
- It is important that we take the time to make sure we get the right organisation, so you will play a key role in this.
- Together we will set out what we want and this will help us to pick the best one.

If you have other questions or comments you can share them by:

- Going to a meeting
- Logging on to the website www.kent.gov.uk/learningdisability
- Emailing: GoodDayProgramme@kent.gov.uk

Thank you.