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To: Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee - 11 July 2014

Decision: 14/00082

Subject: Update on the Swale Learning Disability Day Service (Good Day Programme) Consultation.

Classification: Unrestricted

Recommendation: The Cabinet Committee is asked to note the ongoing consultation and that a decision report will come to the 26 September Cabinet Committee

1. Introduction

(1) This briefing statement for the Good Day Programme Swale Day Service Consultation provides an update on the consultation and an activity summary, including any significant changes to support the summary briefing.

(2) The 14 week consultation was launch on 6th May 2014 and will end on 12th August 2014.

We are consulting with	How are we consulting
KCC Member’s and Local Councillors Service Users – with full support from Advocacy Service. Staff and Unions Parent/Family carers People who might use the services in the future Other organisations, including District Partnership Groups Health. Other Stakeholders	Consultation Briefing Meetings on the proposals Information Workshops A range of individual and group Meetings A questionnaire - hard copy and online questionnaire. Staff team meetings and individual meetings.

2. Latest Developments

(1) 437 questionnaires have now been distributed. 7 completed questionnaires have been received by post. The number of online completed questionnaires is not available until the end of the consultation period.

(2) Three consultation Information Workshops have taken place on 9th May 2014 (Sittingbourne), 4th June 2014 (Faversham) and 10th June 2014 (Sheerness) with a cumulative attendance of 19 people from a variety of stakeholder groups.

(3) The advocacy service started working with service users on 9th May 2011with workshops, group and 1:1 sessions. All people attending the Crawford Day Centre have had an opportunity to complete a questionnaire with an advocate. The advocacy will continue to carry out workshops, group and 1:1 sessions with the other people who use Swale day services until the end of the consultation period.

(4) Family/parent Carer 1:1 time slots were made available, with 1 family arranging a 1:1 meeting.

(5) Comments received to date are overall positive towards the changes:

“To know that I had transport. To mix with the friends and socialise I am now used to. I like the staff at the day centre and hope I will still see them.” [person attending the service]

“I like meeting my friends, my art lessons, going out bowling, indoor bowls, dancing. I like trips out to see places and cups of tea.” [person attending the service]

“Our present centre is old and falling apart, we need new premises. New sites needed to improve enthusiasm and enjoyment of service users and staff.” [staff member]

“Brilliant! A breath of fresh air. The building in Faversham is awful, it was bad when the service moved there, it is even worse now. The other one is Sheerness is a bit better but so detached from the centre of the community.” [anonymous]

“I would like to be involved in finding new hubs. . . [family carer]

3. Next stages

(1) The consultation ends on the 12th August 2014 with the consultation outcome taking the following proposed timeline for a Key Decision.

27 August 2014	DMT
18 September 2014	Consultation report published
26 September 2014	Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee
2 October 2014	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health can take the decision
10 October 2014	Implement Decision

4. Recommendation

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5. Background Documents - None

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