

Kent Families & Social Care

Changing Learning Disability Services



Hadlow Pottery

Consultation

May 2012

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1. Why are we consulting?



Hadlow Pottery moved to the new site at Court Lane, Hadlow in 2005. It is based on part of the Hadlow College site.

We know that some people have been going to Hadlow Pottery for a long time.

We need to look at how the service is run and how we can improve it.

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

This is called consultation.

The Pottery 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 Hadlow Pottery 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 23rd May and will last until the 22nd August 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.
- Other organisations (not KCC) 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.