

Day Services Bulletin

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Day Services Newsletter



This is the first newsletter from Bucks County Council to keep you informed of the plans for the future of Day Services.



Patricia Birchley said that Bucks County Council are working with organisations to make sure that there will be lots of community based activities and services for people who no longer need to use a building-based service (like a Day Centre).



The council are committed to making sure that they meet the needs of all adults in the County who are entitled to care.

Better choice of Day Services in the Community



Bucks County Council will make sure that there are organisations who can offer an exciting range of activities and services for everyone.



More people will want to have a Direct Payment (this means money paid to you to meet your care needs) from the Council so that they can choose which type of service or activity they want.



Organisations are putting together information so that people know what is available and how much it will cost.



In November/December Bucks County Council will be putting on events for people to talk to the different organisations who will be providing activities and Day Opportunities to hear what they can offer.

We will let people know when and where these events will be happening nearer the time.



We will have regular meetings with these organisations to make sure that they have the information they need to provide services and activities that people want.

Reviewing clients' needs and supporting them to explore different things



Reviews

Everyone who receives a service now will be reviewed in the next 6 months.

Transitions



We know that lots of people will still need a building-based service (like a Day Centre). We will still provide this. While the new Day Opportunity Centres are being developed, some people may have to use a different building for a short time.



We are doing everything to make it as easy as we can. We will try to move people to a new centre with people they know and as near to where they live as possible.



People who do not need to go to a building-based service (like a Day Centre), will be supported to find things to do in the community.



Support to find alternative day services

We have developed a Support Brokerage Service. There will be people called 'Support Brokers' who will help you to plan your support needs and find the right people for you.



The Support Brokers can also help you to do something with your friends or with people who have the same hobbies as you in the community.

Getting the Day Opportunities Centres right

We will have 6 Day Opportunity Centres:

- Aylesbury - Hartwell Day Centre
- Amersham/Chesham - Site to be decided
- Beaconsfield - Seeleys House
- Buckingham - Site to be decided
- Burnham - Burnham Resource Centre
- High Wycombe - Orchard House, Cressex





Next year (2012) a building company will be chosen to do the work. The money for this will come from selling some of the old day centres and £6.5million from Bucks County Council.

This means that if a Day Centre is not one of the 6 new centres it will close over the next 3 years. We will let people know when a Day Centre will close in these newsletters.

Community interest in Day Centres



The Council has said that If a Day Centre is to close, Community organisations will be given the chance to run their own day opportunities service in those buildings.

A lot of interest was shown in Princes Risborough to keep the Princes Risborough Day Centre. The Council agreed that the Princes Risborough building could be taken over by a Social Enterprise who will run services from that building for the whole community.



The Council will keep the rent low for 2 years so the company will have time to raise money to buy the building. This is an example of how the “Big Society” could work.

Buckingham and Amersham/Chesham Day Opportunities Centres



We are working very hard to let people know as soon as we can what is happening in Buckingham and Amersham/Chesham.

In Buckingham, we are trying to find the best way to use the current site. We will soon be talking to the Town Council about what happens next.



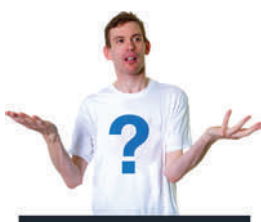
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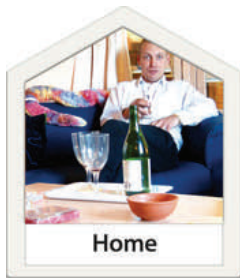
We would like to build this new centre on the Amersham Library site. This site is owned by Chiltern District Council and we are talking to them to try and make it happen.

If this does not happen, we have another possible place in Chesham that would be ok.



People are asking what this will mean for the Endeavour site in Chesham.

This is what we would like to do:



- Build a new Care Home for older people and people with Dementia. It would be for 60 people from Chesham and nearby areas.
- When the new Care Home has been built it will replace Cameron House and the Garden Centre.
- The people that live in Cameron House will move to new homes. One of these will be at Maple Court in Chesham. This will open in the summer of 2012.
- The Endeavour Day Centre building will be made into a new Skills Centre and used by the Children & Young Peoples' Services. This will include a garden service.
- The Endeavour Day Centre building will close and be replaced by the new Day Centre in Amersham.



- Whilst the new Day Centre is being built, we will make sure that people who need a building based service (like a Day Centre) will have somewhere to go.
- The Endeavour Outreach will close and people who go there will have a choice of different community options.



The architects who are designing all of the Day Opportunities Centres have spoken to many people including carers, day centre staff and people who use services.

Finding out more information

If you have any questions or would like to speak to us, please contact us on:

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Or you can check our website for the latest information at [**www.buckscc.gov.uk**](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk).

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.



Talkback has helped us make this newsletter easier to read.

Plans for the buildings-based Day Opportunities Centres in Buckinghamshire

Day Centre	Future plans
Buckingham	We are trying to find the best way to use the current site. We will soon be talking to the Town Council about the next steps forward.
Hartwell, Aylesbury	This site will be redeveloped and made bigger. Work will begin in 2012
Burnham Resource Centre	This site will be redeveloped and made bigger. We are not sure yet when the work will begin.
Seeleys House, Beaconsfield	This building is in good condition and will be one of our new Day Opportunities Centres
Amersham/Chesham	<p>We would like to make a new Day Opportunities Centre to include a Library and Youth Centre.</p> <p>We would like to build this new centre on site of the Amersham Library.</p> <p>This site is owned by Chiltern District Council and we are talking to them to try and make it happen. If this does not happen, we have another possible place in Chesham that would be ok.</p> <p>.....carry on to the next page</p>

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<p>Orchard House, High Wycombe</p>	<p>This site will be redeveloped and we hope that work can start as soon as possible in 2012.</p>