

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Jewel Foundation

and

Bury Council

1. Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- 1.1 This MoU describes how Bury Council and Jewel Foundation will work together to build trust and stronger connections between the Council and the Haredi (Charedi) community in the Borough, and in particular the Sedgley area.
- 1.2 The MoU sets out how the Council will support Jewel Foundation to provide a centre in the heart of Sedgley to support the needs of the wider local community.
- 1.3 The MoU also sets out how Jewel Foundation will ensure that the centre acts as a central point to support and promote safeguarding within the community.
- 1.4 Nothing in the MoU shall create any legal relationship between the Parties.

2. Context

- 2.1 It is recognised that there is a lack of connection and trust between the large and growing Haredi (Charedi) community in the Sedgley area of the Borough and Bury Council specifically, and public services generally.
- 2.2 Work is currently underway with Salford, Manchester and Bury Councils, and Greater Manchester Police to build stronger connections with the Haredi (Charedi) community. However, it is recognised that there is a need to provide a focus for the community in Sedgley specifically, and it is believed that the proposals for the future use of the Sedgley Childrens Centre will help fulfil this.

- 2.3 Jewel Foundation is a trusted organisation in the Haredi (Charedi) community and, therefore, will be better placed than the Council to use the Sedgley Childrens Centre as a base for services and activities which both support and engage the community, and build connections and trust with the Council's services and those provided by other public services.

3. Objectives of the MoU

- 3.1 To build trust between the local community and Bury Council and other public services operating in Sedgley.
- 3.2 To build a bridge between the Hareidi (Chareidi) community and Bury Council and other public services.
- 3.3 To increase engagement between the Hareidi (Chareidi) community and statutory bodies and their services, e.g. Adult Social Care, Children's Services.
- 3.4 To provide a neighbourhood base for children's and community services in Sedgley.
- 3.5 To support the Prestwich Works contract, a multi-functional employment support service, established to assist people of working age into sustained employment and/or training, primarily for Whitefield and Prestwich residents. The service is open to all residents but has a particular focus on members of the Orthodox Jewish community.

4. Principles of the MoU

- 4.1 There will be a full handover of the centre to Jewel Foundation who will be responsible for running, promoting and developing the future of the centre.
- 4.2 All existing services provided by or run from the centre will continue should the providers wish.
- 4.3 The centre will continue to be a facility available for use by all the community (Jewish and non-Jewish residents) and public services.

5. Parties to the MoU

- 5.1 This agreement is between Jewel Foundation and Bury Metropolitan Borough Council.

- 5.2 A Stakeholders Group for the centre must be established to have a role in all in decision making relating to the operation of the centre. This group must consist of members of the current advisory group (Appendix) and all organisations using the centre must have the opportunity to become members of this group.

6. Duration of the MoU

- 6.1 This MoU will be effective from the date of the last signature hereto and will remain in force from that date and cover the remaining part of 2019/20 and then run for a rolling three year period from 2020/21.
- 6.2 The agreement will be reviewed annually and operate on a three year rolling cycling unless either party requests its termination by giving six (6) months' notice in writing to the other Party, stating the reasons for the requested termination.

7. Services and Activities

- 7.1 The centre currently provides a venue for a variety of services, from both the public and voluntary sectors. It is expected that these services will continue to operate at the centre as they do now.
- 7.2 The current list of services / organisations operating from the centre are shown in the Appendix. However, this should not be seen as a definite, restrictive or prescriptive list as to the type and nature of services which could operate at the centre in the future.
- 7.3 It is expected that the new proposals for the centre will result in an increasingly diverse and vibrant range of services and community initiatives being hosted there. This will build on existing Children's Services and community-led initiatives currently held there.
- 7.4 The current opening hours (9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday) of the centre will be maintained and Jewel Foundation will look to extend these to offer greater resource to the Sedgley community.

Appendix - Current list of services / organisations operating from the centre

Antenatal Clinic

Antenatal Drop In

Baby Stay and Play

Breastfeeding Support

Child Health Clinic

Childminder Stay and Plan

Confidence building for women – First Aid Tips

Music Time for 0-5's

Parenting Support

Yoga for Adults and Play for Children

Appendix Building and its curtilage

