

Bury Council Consultation

Proposed Adults Social Care Budget Saving options



Bury Council asked Bury People First to talk to people with learning disabilities about the council proposed budget savings.

How did we do this?



- We used the easy read Bury consultation questionnaire.



- We organised three meetings.



- We talked to individuals.



In total, 36 people got involved and told us what they think.



We received feedback from people with learning disabilities who use provider services via the staff, but we don't know the numbers of people who expressed an opinion.

What people said:



Persona Care and Support - Saving Proposals



Proposal 1: Persona Care and Support Savings: Proposed Day Care savings



- The day service closure is for older people, not people with a learning disability.



- Some people are worried that if they close day services for older people, they will close day services for people with a learning disability.



- Some people said they didn't know you can say no to going to the day centre.



- Some people said they like going to the day centre to see friends.



- Some people stopped going to day services during the lockdown and now don't want to go back.



- Some people said they have to go to the day service as there are no staff at home during the day.



- Some people want to go to the day service less and do other things in other places.



- Some people said they don't know what the options are for the things they can do during the day.



- Some people would rather find a job or volunteer than go to the day service.



- Some people said their only choice is going to the day service or volunteering in a charity shop. They want to know what the other options are.



- One person talked about their personal budget, and other people didn't know about this option.



- Some people said they had no choice about going to the day centre.



- What about people with lots of needs? How are they going to get the help they need?



- Persona has a friendships group – will this stop?



- What if people are upset about the closure of a day centre and decided to stay at home – will they be lonely?



- Lots of people said it would be better if they could do different things each day.



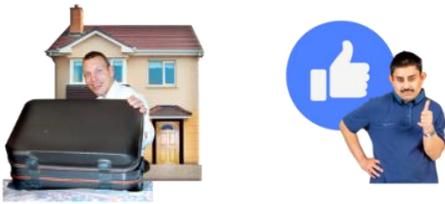
- Lots of people said you have to pay for day services, and they can't afford it.



- One person said, "I don't go to day services anymore. I have been helped to do different things on different days."



Proposal 2: Persona Care and Support: Proposed short stay facility savings



- Some people have used respite services and said they are very good with lots of activities.



- One person said they stayed at Elmhurst when their mum was in hospital, and it was ok but a bit like staying in a hospital.



- Do you have to go to respite? Can you go on holiday instead?



Proposal 3: Developing an All Age Disability Service



- Everyone likes the idea of an all age disability team.



- Going to one place is a good idea.



- It makes it easier moving from children to adult services.



- Can we be involved in making it happen?

Other Savings Suggestions:

Transport



- Some people are worried as it can be difficult to get to the day services.



- Not all buses are accessible.



- The buses can be crowded.



- Taxis are expensive.



- I want to learn how to travel independently.



- Some people said that parents don't like them travelling on the bus?



- Not everyone can get a car via PIP.



- Ring and Ride can be late or early.



If you could plan services in Bury for people with a learning disability, what would they look like?



- Lockdown made people think about things differently.



- Easy read information about support, transport, respite options.



- Information about personal budgets.



- More support to become an independent traveller.



- More support to get a job or to volunteer (not just volunteering in a charity shop).



- We want to choose a support provider.



- We want to speak up about hate and mat crime, so we feel safe when we go out.



- Learn how to speak up for yourself.



- We need groups so we can speak up about what we like and don't like.