Have your say on the savings proposals for Adult Social Care services

The Council agreed its budget for 2018/19 at its meeting on 6 February. It will see the Council make savings of £17 million. This includes a budget reduction for Adult Social Care and Health of nearly £10 million.

We are asking for people’s views on how we are proposing to make the nearly £10 million in savings. What people tell us will help us to understand the impact and risks associated with our proposals. There may also be other ideas that we haven’t thought of.

If you use services that would be affected by the proposals you can speak to your provider or contact us. Frequently asked questions will be published on the website in March and before the consultation closes in April.

Why we are consulting

The financial challenges we face as a local authority are long-standing and significant. The Council has recognised this and has urged the Government to give our county a fairer deal through the ‘Stand up for East Sussex’ petition.

You may be aware that the Government recently announced some extra funding for social care provision. For us, it will mean an additional £1.6 million. No decisions have been made yet on how that money will be spent.

Despite these ongoing challenges, the Council remains committed to supporting and protecting vulnerable people and delivering the best services possible. As a department, Adult Social Care and Health has to find a way to meet this commitment, while dealing with having nearly £10 million less to spend and rising demand for our services.

Local authorities have a legal duty to meet people’s eligible social care needs, and this won’t be affected by our savings proposals. It does mean though that we’ve had to prioritise spending money on the services that allow us to meet those duties.

We are looking at many of the services we provide to see if they can be improved and if they can be delivered for less money. We are also proposing to spend less money on preventative services which help to stop or delay the need for more expensive statutory services.

We know that people will have concerns about many of the proposals and it is likely that services that people value would either need to stop, change or be reduced. This will have a big impact on people who use services, their carers and families and the staff who provide them, which is why your feedback is so important.

What happens next?

No decisions will be made about changes to services until after the consultation ends. What you tell us will be a key part of the decision making process. The results of the consultation will be considered by decision makers, alongside relevant evidence and the Equalities Impact Assessments.
Our savings proposals for intermediate care and day services

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We are reviewing our intermediate care and day services for adults aged 65+ to see if they can be delivered for less money. This means looking at whether we can make savings by changing the way we run them or buying services from another provider instead.

**About our intermediate care services**

We provide intermediate care services at two buildings in Eastbourne (Milton Grange and Firwood House). Intermediate care offers short-term residential services to older people who need support to return home after a hospital stay or to prevent older people needing to go into hospital.

The two units are staffed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, nurses and mental health professionals. It is this multidisciplinary approach which helps the units to achieve positive outcomes for people.

**Milton Grange:** We provide 37 beds here. 19 of the beds provide a service which includes nursing and therapy to support older people with a range of physical needs and enable them to return home. The remaining 18 beds support older people with mental health needs and provide specialist nursing care and therapy.

**Firwood House:** We jointly provide 19 beds here with East Sussex NHS Hospitals Trust. It provides a service which includes nursing and therapy to support older people with a range of physical and mental health needs and enable them to return home following a period of rehabilitation.

Day services for older people are also provided at Milton Grange.

**The review of intermediate care services**

We need to understand if there are different and more cost effective ways of delivering the services currently provided at the two units. That might be through changing how they are run or looking to buy similar services from other providers.

Both services have been highly rated by the Care Quality Commission. Any decision to make changes to the services will not be taken lightly and whatever we decide to do, we would still have a legal duty to meet people’s social care needs.

During the consultation we will be talking to health and care providers about the services they might be able to provide instead. We are also keen to hear from people
who have used the service and their families, as well as organisations, professionals and the public.

We want to emphasise that no decision will be made to close the units unless there is evidence that these services can be provided elsewhere at a lower cost. If we can’t make savings in this area then we would have to find alternative proposals.

**About day services**

We run day services at two buildings – one in Eastbourne at Milton Grange and one at Warwick House in Seaford. Both day services are run from purpose built facilities and focus on supporting older people with dementia and increasing frailty.

As part of the review of Milton Grange, we will need to review the provision of day services from that site. What happens to our Milton Grange intermediate care services is likely to guide the decision, which is why we are looking at the Intermediate Care services and Day Services together in this section of the consultation.

The service based at Milton Grange is offered seven days a week and has space for 35 people a day. There are currently 114 people who use the service and as of January 2018 the service had average occupancy levels of 60%.

Our research has shown us that there is a reasonable range of day services across the county, from those supporting people with high levels of need to more local services aimed at getting people out of the house. You can find out about the day services in the county by visiting [www.eastsussex1space.co.uk](http://www.eastsussex1space.co.uk)

Our budget pressures mean that we need to look at whether we can buy similar services from others at a lower cost and if we can reduce our overall spend on day services across the county. Part of the purpose of the consultation is to help us understand if that is possible.

**The review of day services**

In addition to reviewing the Intermediate Care and Day Services provided from Milton Grange, we will also be looking at the funding we provide to other day services across the county which are run by other providers. We provide some funding to support the running costs of other day services which we don’t directly run ourselves (this is the £59,000 in the table on page 2).

If we can reduce funding for other day services, we will also consider that as an option. If the proposals included closing or removing funding for day services, we would review people’s needs before any changes to their services were considered.
How to take part

Let us know what you think of these proposals. You can fill in the survey, but also send us a letter, record a video, have someone else put down your words – whatever works best for you. If you need the information in another format please contact us.

You can visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ascsavings to download or fill in the survey online.

If you want to find out about all the savings we are proposing or you have any questions you can visit the website or contact us.

Visit the website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ascsavings
Email us your feedback: consultationasc@eastsussex.gov.uk
Post us your feedback: ASC Savings Consultation, North A Floor, County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE
You can also call us between 9am-12pm Mon-Thurs on: 01273 481 242
Our savings proposals for intermediate care and day services

Q1) Please tell us which service you, or you family, uses or has used:

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Q2) What do you value most about the service?

Q3) If you have used the residential services, what has made the biggest difference in getting you ready to go home safely?

Q4) Do you have any suggestions about how we could change the current service to make savings?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Your comments:
Q5) If the services were to close, how would you, or people like you, be affected?

Q6) Do you have any other comments about these proposals?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Your comments:

Thank you for completing the questionnaire.
About you

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally and that no one gets left out. That's why we ask you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We will only use it to help us make decisions and make our services better. If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

Q1) Are you......?  □ Male    □ Female    □ Prefer not to say

Q2) Do you identify as a transgender or trans person? Please tick one box.
     □ Yes          □ No          □ Prefer not to say

Q3) How old are you?    Q4) What is your postcode?

Q5) To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (source: 2011 census) Please tick one box.

□ White British    □ Mixed White and Black Caribbean    □ Asian or Asian British Pakistani    □ Black or Black British other*
□ White Irish    □ Mixed White and Black African    □ Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi    □ Arab
□ White Gypsy/Roma    □ Mixed White and Asian    □ Asian or Asian British other*    □ Chinese
□ White Irish Traveller    □ Mixed other*    □ Black or Black British Caribbean    □ Prefer not to say
□ White other*    □ Asian or Asian British Indian    □ Black or Black British African    □ Other ethnic group*

* If your ethnic group was not specified, please describe your group here:

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q6) Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010? Please tick one box.
     □ Yes          □ No          □ Prefer not to say
Q6a) If you answered yes to Q6, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you. You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and write in the type of impairment you have.

- Physical impairment
- Learning disability
- Sensory impairment (hearing and sight)
- Prefer not to say
- Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, heart disease, diabetes or epilepsy
- Other (* please specify)
- Mental health condition

* If other, please specify:

Q7) Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief? Please tick one box.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q7a) If you answered yes to Q7 which one? Please tick one box.

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Any other religion (*please specify)
- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Sikh

* Please specify:

Q8) Are you... Please tick one box.

- Bi/Bisexual
- Gay woman/Lesbian
- Other
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Gay Man
- Prefer not to say

Q9) Are you married or in a civil partnership? Please tick one box.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say