



Possible changes to learning disability services

An easy read guide to the Community Support Service consultation

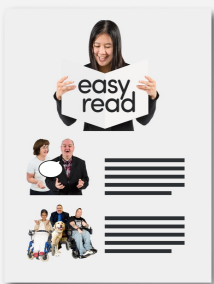
This is an easy read guide.



If you would like support to read this guide, you could ask

- someone in your family or a friend
- a support worker
- a carer.

This easy read guide is about



- possible changes to the **Community Support Service**
- the **consultation** on the possible changes.



A **consultation** is when we ask people what they think about something.

This helps us to make decisions and plan our next steps.

The possible changes that we are planning



Community Support Service

We are thinking about stopping the Community Support service that helps adults living independently at home.



If we do this, people would be found support from a different organisation instead of the Council.



We would still run the Supported Living part of the service, but there may be some changes to it.



Steps to Work including Shine

We are thinking about closing the Steps to Work service including the Shine Car Wash in Lewes.



If we do this, people would be found employment support run by a different organisation instead of the Council.



Linden Court and Beeching Park

We are thinking about stopping the day service at Linden Court.



If we do this, people would be offered

- a place at our Beeching Park day service or
- a different day service run by another organisation.



Hookstead and St Nicholas

We are thinking about stopping the day service at Hookstead.



If we do this, people would be offered

- a place at our St Nicholas day service or
- a different day service run by another organisation.



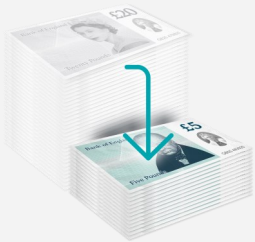


If the changes are made to these services, the days or times you use a service may also need to change.

Why we are planning to make changes



We are thinking about making changes to the learning disability services we provide at the Council.



This is because we have less money to spend.



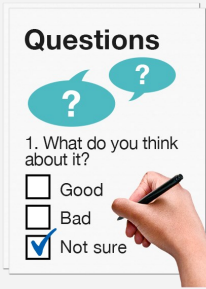
This means we have to make some difficult choices about what services we can afford to provide in the future.

We want to know what you think



We want you to tell us what you think about our plans before we make changes.

What you tell us will help us make decisions about our plans.

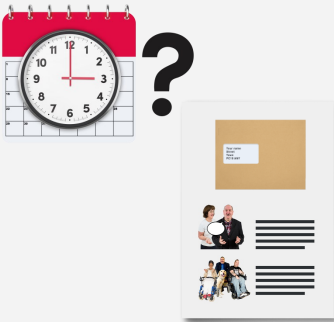


The survey is one way for you to tell us what you think.



There will also be meetings for people who use the services.

We will talk about our plans at these meetings.



If you use one of the services, you will receive a letter inviting you to the meetings.



You can also talk about the plans to the manager of the service you use.



You can contact the manager if

- you have any questions
- you are worried about this consultation
or
- you need this information in another language or format.



For Linden Court you can talk to Abbie Robson
Email abigail.robson@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone 01323 464 400



For Beeching Park you can talk to Mark Rix
Email mark.rix@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone 01424 726 299



For Hookstead or St Nicholas you can talk to
Gemma Wanstall



Email gemma.wanstall@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone 01273 336 586



For Steps to Work you can talk to Kayleigh
Curd
Email kayleigh.curd@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone 01323 464 019



For Community Support Service you can talk
to Natalie Rutherford
Email natalie.rutherford@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone 01273 336 580

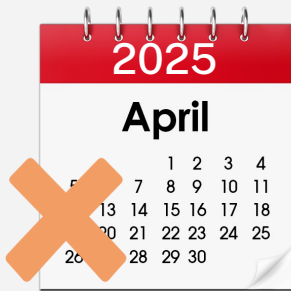


The consultation closes at the end of the day on **Thursday 28 November 2024**.



We expect to decide whether to make these changes in **February 2025**.

We will share the decisions with you.



Nothing will change before **April 2025**.

You can keep using your service as normal for now.



If we do make the changes, you would be supported to find a different service that works for you.



Thank you for reading this information.

We are committed to providing the excellent service you expect from us.



Possible changes to learning disability services

What do you think?



This is an easy read survey.

If you would like support to complete this survey, you could ask



- someone in your family or a friend
- a support worker
- a carer.

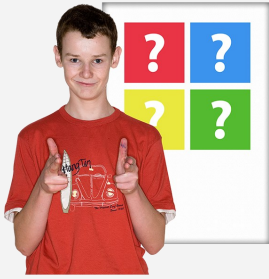


If you do not have anyone to support you, please contact the manager of your service.

Contact details are at the end of this survey.



We would like to hear what you think about our ideas for changes to the **Community Support Service**.



You do not have to answer all of the questions.
You can answer any of the questions that you want to answer.
You can leave any of the questions that you do not want to answer.



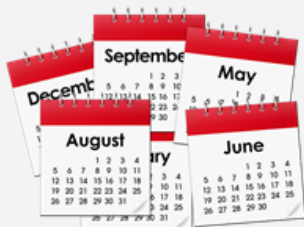
By answering these questions, you are not agreeing to anything, so please do not worry.
We will use your answers to help us make a decision about our plan.



What you tell us is **confidential**.
Confidential means we will not share your answers with anyone else.



Your answers are **anonymous**.
Anonymous means that we do not ask you for your personal details, like your name or your age.
Please do not put any personal details about you or other people in your answers.



We will keep your answers for 4 years.

October

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The consultation starts on **Thursday 3 October 2024**.

November

28

The consultation closes at the end of the day on **Thursday 28 November 2024**.



Your survey can be posted back to us in the prepaid envelope.



If you are using your own envelope, please post your survey to

Funding Gap Consultations

North A Floor

County Hall

St Anne's Crescent

Lewes

BN7 1UE

Tick the sentence that describes you best:

Please tick 1 box



I use the service, or have used it

I care for someone who uses the service,
or has used it

I live in East Sussex

I work in the voluntary or community sector

Something else



If you said 'something else', please tell us more



The plans we have mean that the **Community Support Service** would be stopped.



If we do this, people would be found support from a different organisation instead of the Council.



How much do you agree with our plans for the **Community Support Service**?



strongly agree



agree



neither



disagree



strongly disagree



not sure



Please use this box to tell us why



How would the plans to change the Community Support Service affect you, or someone that you care for?





Is there anything else you would like to say?



End of survey



Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.



Please speak to the manager at your service if

- you are worried or need someone to talk to
- you have any questions about this survey



For Community Support Service you can talk to Natalie Rutherford

Email natalie.rutherford@eastsussex.gov.uk

Phone [01273 336 580](tel:01273336580)



Questions about you



These questions are about you.



We are asking these questions because we want to make sure

- that everybody is treated fairly and equally
- that nobody gets left out.



You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.



We will only use your answers for the survey that you are taking part in.



We will only keep your answers for 4 years.



You can ask the manager of your service if you would like more information.



The questions are about your protected characteristics.

Your protected characteristics are things like your age and your gender.

To learn more about the protected characteristics, you can read our easy read guide by visiting

eastsussex.gov.uk/easyread-equality



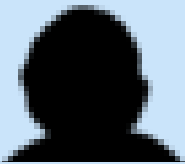
The protected characteristics guide explains lots of the words that are used in these questions.



How old are you?



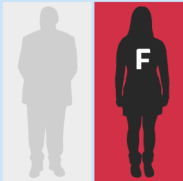

Please write your age in this box



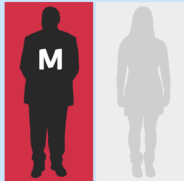

Do not want to say

What is your gender?

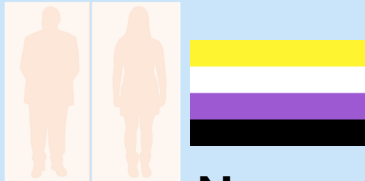
Tick 1 box

Female


Male



Non-binary



Do not want to say




Other




If you have a gender that is not on this list and want to tell us what your gender is, please write in this box

Is your gender the same as the sex you were registered with at birth?

Tick 1 box



Yes



No



Do not want to say

What is your ethnic group?

Tick 1 box

White British	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Roma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
White other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Asian or Asian British	<input type="checkbox"/>
White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
White and Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British African	<input type="checkbox"/>
White and Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed ethnic background	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not want to say	<input type="checkbox"/>		

What is your sexual orientation?

Tick 1 box



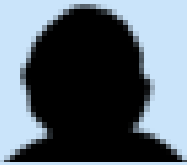
**Straight or
Heterosexual**



**Gay or
Lesbian**



Bisexual



**Do not want
to say**



Other



If you have a sexual orientation that is not on this list and want to tell us what your sexual orientation is, please write in this box

What is your religion or belief?

Tick 1 box



No religion
or belief



Christian



Buddhist



Hindu



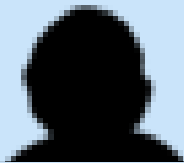
Jewish



Muslim



Sikh



Do not want
to say



Other



If you have a different religion or belief, please write it in this box



Do you have a disability, condition or illness that has lasted 12 months or longer?

Tick 1 box



Yes



No



Do not want to say



If you said yes to the question above, does your disability, condition or illness make it hard to do everyday things?

Tick 1 box



Yes, a lot



Yes, a little bit



No



Do not want to say



If you do have a condition, illness or disability that has lasted 12 months or longer, please tell us what it is.

Tick as many boxes as you need



Learning disability



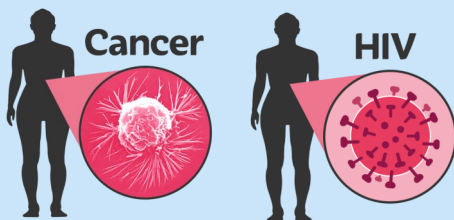
Learning difficulty



Physical impairment



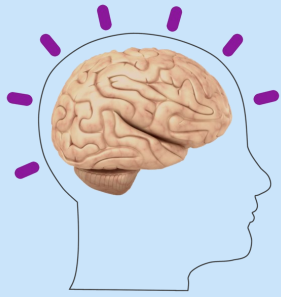
Sensory impairment



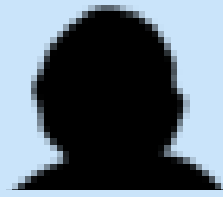
Long-standing illness



Mental health condition



**Neurodivergent
condition**



Do not want to say



Other



**If you have a different condition, illness or
disability, please write it in this box**

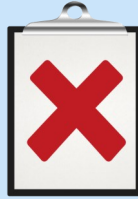


Do you look after anyone because they have a disability, condition or illness, or problem to do with old age?

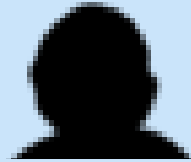
Tick 1 box



Yes



No



Do not want to say



If you said yes to the question above, how many hours a week do you look after them?

Tick 1 box

9 hours or less

10 to 19 hours

20 to 34 hours

9 hours or less

10 to 19 hours

20 to 34 hours

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10 to 19 hours

20 to 34 hours



If you do look after someone, please tell us who they are.

Tick as many boxes as you need



Parent



Partner



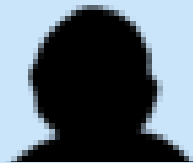
Child



Other family member



Friend



Do not want to say



Other



If you said other, please tell us who you look after in this box.

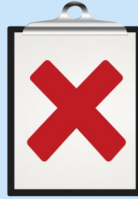


Are you in the UK Armed Forces?
Or have you ever been in the UK
Armed Forces?

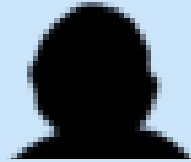
Tick 1 box



Yes



No



Do not want
to say



Do you live with someone who has
been in the UK Armed Forces?
Or has anyone in your family been
in the UK Armed Forces?

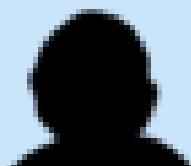
Tick 1 box



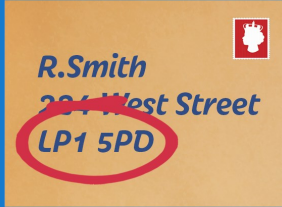
Yes



No



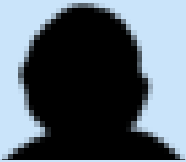
Do not want
to say



What is your post code?



Please write your post code in this box



Do not want to say