



Have your say about Residential Services & Southview Day Services



This information is written in Easy Read. You could read this information with:

- a carer
- a support worker
- a friend or family member
- an advocate



We want to hear what you think about our plan to change the way we provide residential and day services in the Crowborough area.

This summary provides information about:



- Our plan for Residential Services in Crowborough and Chailey.



- Our plan for the Southview Day Service.

Why are we suggesting changes?

The Council has less money to spend.



Learning Disability Services have less money to spend so we must make changes.



We need to make sure that services are good value for money **and** the best they can be.

What we have done already...

We have made savings across learning disability services **without** reducing the amount of support each person receives.



We have made some difficult decisions:



- Reduced management and administration posts
- Suggested we charge for the Community Support Services
- Looking to reduce management and staffing in the supported employment service



Some more examples of things we've changed:



- Reduced agency staff



- Introduced relief staff



- Spent money on respite buildings to improve the services and make them cheaper to run



- Reviewed Community Support Services and made better use of staffing



The changes above have saved us money and have also made the services better.

Why make changes?



We've looked at our residential and day services in the Crowborough area.

We want to:

- Keep offering residential services and day services in the area
- Provide good quality services that are value for money
- Provide services that people want now and in the future



We can't make the savings we need to and continue to provide the services as we do now.



We think a new residential service in Crowborough would be more cost effective to run.



We also think it would offer better accommodation and a better service to each person.

What would change?

We are planning to:

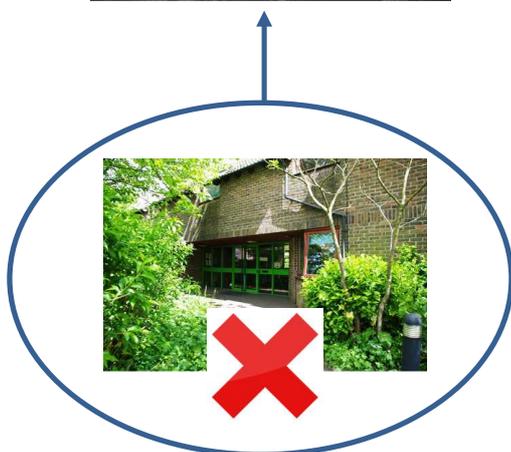
- 1) Provide a new residential service from one site in Crowborough.**



The residential services provided at Greenacres, Beacongate and The Gables would move to the new site.

These buildings would then be closed.

- 2) Include a day service on the ground floor of the new building in Crowborough.**



The day services provided at Southview would move to the new site.

The Southview building would then be closed.

Our residential services today



Greenacres is a seven bedroom residential service based in South Chailey.

It has:

- A large outside space
- Limited communal space
- Shared bathrooms



The cost of providing the service is high.



The building is quite isolated and needs lots of improvement work.

There are limited options for extending the building.



The Gables is a five bedroom residential service based in Crowborough.

It has:

- One main communal area
- Communal bathrooms



The cost of providing the service is high.



The building needs lots of improvement work.

There are also limited options for extending the building.



Beacongate is a five bedroom residential service based in Crowborough.

It has:

- One main communal area
- Communal bathrooms

It is off the main road.



The cost of providing the service is high.



The building needs lots of improvement work.

There is no possibility of extending the building.

Southview Day Service today



Southview Day Service is under used.

The building is not ideally suited to provide day services.



We have been looking for a new site for the service for a long time.

Benefits of our plan

If we went ahead with our plan we think it would mean that we could:



- Keep offering residential services in this area
- Keep providing day services in this area



- Make savings
- Lower the costs of providing both the services

We think both services would be better because we could:



- Offer choice and flexibility to meet a range of needs
- Develop an environment that will meet a wide range of needs



- Provide a range of residential and supported living options
- Provide better facilities including en suite bathrooms



- Offer more communal areas
- Offer a day service and restaurant facilities on the same site

What would happen if we went ahead with our plans?

If we went ahead with our plans we would need to:



- Get planning permission to develop the proposed site in Crowborough.



- Talk with our residents, clients, families and partners throughout the process.



- Do the building work needed to redevelop the site.

Important messages

We are not stopping any services.

Everyone who needs a service will continue to have one.

We are planning to change the way we work with you.

Where you get your service may change.

If you get Council transport we would continue to provide this.

Any changes would only happen after we have looked at your needs.

What do you think about this?

We think our plans are the best way of making the services better and saving money.

We want to know what you think about our ideas and whether you have any other ideas.



Have your say



We are holding meetings with everyone that uses the services to find out what they think.



We will also meet with families, carers and staff to find out what they think.

You can also let us know what you think by:



- Speaking to staff at the residential services
- Speaking to the manager at Southview
- writing us a letter or email
- filling in a comment form

The consultation closes on 13 May 2016.

When we will let you know

We will make a decision in June 2016.



We will then write to everyone who uses the services to let you know what is happening.

Questions and contacting us

Please speak to someone at your residential/day service or contact us if you have any questions or are worried about this consultation.



If you need this information in another language or format please contact us.



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