

<p>The proposal mentions the likelihood of using buildings for other purposes on the days when the learning disability day service is not running. As the buildings are so specialised, is this a realistic proposition?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, we may not use the whole of each building but given the room sizes and the accessibility of the buildings with car parking available, we may be able to use them for different purposes. • So far, discussions have been held about using the buildings as a staff training venue or perhaps as a base for multi-purpose clinics where people can attend for assessments.
<p>Critical to delivering the same high level of LD in the future will be the retention of staff.</p> <p>If, for one day each week, buses/transport and outside agencies were not used, would this not help to make savings to ensure that staffing levels remain and expertise is not lost through redundancy/resignation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We make very little use of outside agencies in our day services so this would not lead to a saving. We have looked at our transport costs however; cutting transport would not alone make the level of saving that is needed. • We are doing everything we can to retain our skilled and experienced staff, for example the suggestions to close each day service on a different day will allow staff to work their fifth day in another service if there is a vacancy or staff cover is needed.
<p>More details and figures are needed on what the cost saving would be of closing each service for one day a week. Surely it would only be marginal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost savings is significant, just short of £340,000. This is achieved by reducing all full time staff contracts by 20%. • We will need a greater number of staff hours on the remaining days as occupancy will increase and therefore part time staff hours may need to be adjusted.
<p>Will there be a re-valuation of the number of days for which people pay their contributions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any change to service provision will lead to a review of financial assessments and this in turn may mean a change to contributions. • However, contributions are dependent on a number of factors and can therefore only be considered on an individual basis.

<p>Will the reduction in respite nights affect people who get direct payments or just directly provided services?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals are only about the support people receive from our directly provided services. • If people use a different provider that is paid via a Direct Payment then respite services will not be directly affected by these proposals.
<p>How much community support will people lose – does it cover personal care?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are proposing to only provide support to people who would be unsafe without Community Support Services (CSS). We will continue to support: people who live alone and would be at risk without our support; people who live within a supported living scheme and only receive support from CSS and people who are subject of a safeguarding or legal intervention. • Everyone else would lose all of their support under these proposals, including support in relation to personal care. However, before services change, individual reviews will be undertaken by a Care Manager to ensure that people will be safe if the support is cut.
<p>If people lose the community support service will their contribution payment go down?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any changes to service will result in a review of client contributions. • Whether contributions are reduced is dependent on individual circumstances, the amount that is paid and the level of support that continues to be provided