

**To: Families of service users living in Learning Disability Accommodation Services**

**From: Naomi Cox General Manager Adult Social Care Provider Services**

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**Update: Learning Disability Accommodation Services Consultation**

I hope you all had a good Christmas and best wishes for the year ahead. I thought it would be useful to update you regarding the consultation.

As you know we are currently in a 3 month consultation which ends on 14<sup>th</sup> February we are seeking your views on the following options:

1. *That people are supported to move to alternative accommodation that meets their needs and can be provided in a more cost effective way.*

This means that your relative may move to another service.

2. *That people are supported to receive a personal budget and alternative accommodation.*

This means that you would be advised of the amount of money that could be used to fund a different accommodation and support service. This amount is based on individual needs. You would then, with assistance if you require it, either help your relative or on their behalf choose arrange and pay for that alternative accommodation and support using your relative's personal budget allocation.

3. *That people remain in their existing homes and receive their care and support from another provider.*

This means your relative would stay living where they do now but their care and support would be provided through another Independent or Voluntary Sector organisation and not directly by the council. The existing staff would transfer their employment to the new care provider.



Thank you to those of you who have already returned your questionnaires – if you have not yet done so please could you take the time to do so before **30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

We do not yet have confirmed date for when the outcome of the Consultation will go back to Policy & Resources Committee for a decision – as soon as we do we will let you know. We are expecting this Committee to be in April 2016.

We are also arranging for all people who currently live in our Learning Disability Accommodation Services to have a review of their care and support plans. We are required to do this under the Care Act 2014 and are doing so to ensure we have an up to date picture of peoples needs and what is important for them. Your views will be sought as part of this review. You will be contacted by a member of the Community Learning Disability Team about this.

**Stop Press: We have decided to extend the consultation until 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 so you have more time to give your views.**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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