

Appendix 1

Consultation regarding the proposed closure St Edmund's Children's Residential home

The consultation took place over a period commencing 7 December 2015 and ending 04 January 2016. As a matter of public law and council policy any proposal will require consultation with those affected.

With this in mind Ofsted have involved all stakeholders and interested persons:

- Children and young people who are resident at the home (assisted by an independent advocate, if required)
- Parents, carers and connected persons of the above;
- Independent Reviewing Officers
- The staff employed within the home and their trade unions
- Close geographical neighbours to the home

The purpose of the consultation was to gain the views and preferences of the consulted on the proposal and its implementation and to understand whether there are were any possible unintended consequences of the proposal.

In all the circumstances, and taking into account the holiday period, a period of 4 weeks consultation was agreed as proportionate and reasonable in this matter.

The timetable of consultation is included in the main body of the report.

Details of Consultation

1 Children

The two young people and one former resident were consulted. The former resident declined, but the views of the other two young people are detailed in the report. There were two meetings with Jane Parfremment, Assistant Director of Safe Guarding, a meeting with their advocate, statutory review, meeting with key worker/social worker and also by letter.

2 Parents, carers and connected persons of the above

The 2 parents were consulted by meetings with social worker, statutory review and telephone conversation with Michelle Whiting, Head of Looked after Children. The views are detailed in the report.

3 IRO

The two current residents share the same IRO who was consulted by letter, views and report. The email response from the IRO stated he felt at this time he was not in a position to give a valid feedback that would assist.

4 Staff & Unions

Meetings on 1 December & 21 December 2015. The first meeting was informal and at the second meeting there were two staff in attendance. Each member of staff was offered an individual consultation meeting with HR and Union (17 December), views are contained within the report.

5 Close geographical neighbours to the home

50 letters were sent to neighbours. No responses received at the time of this report.

Structure of the report

To aid the understanding the report has been sectioned into two parts section 1a summary of consultation comments. To ensure full transparency Section 1b contains the actual comment from respondent anonymously by type.

Consultation Findings

Consultation findings are provided in Section 5 of the Commissioners Decision Making Report.



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