

Day Opportunities for people with high support needs – service options appraisal (August 2022)

Introduction

Following the public consultation about proposed new day opportunities for people with high support needs the identified options are detailed below. The preference of either one large building or two smaller buildings was evenly divided. As such qualitative data and consultation output has been considered within the final recommendation.

Option	Details	Pros	Cons
<p>Option 1 Service to operate from one large <u>newbuild</u> centrally located building, complimented by community outreach support across the borough to support access to local communities.</p>	<p>The service would operate from one large centrally located building being its core offer, complimented by community outreach support across the borough to support access to local communities.</p> <p>The new building would be accessible to transport links and support independent travel routes</p> <p>The modern, multifunctional building would be in easy reach of the local community, businesses and amenities that will enhance the day opportunities offer, and support the service to integrate within the heart of the local community.</p> <p>The value of having a community outreach service across the borough is evident – both for the people who use the service and local communities</p> <p>Both the new main building and community outreach support would be available as a choice to all the people currently using the existing REACH service.</p> <p>The service will provide bespoke day support for those with the most complex needs delivered in a person-centred manner, but also be a hub for wider activity, learning and skill development.</p> <p>The new service would be called 'Living my best life', with the preferred site option called 'Castle View Day Opportunities'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with consultation in that there is equal support for a centrally located single base along with additional support for community access. • Existing Maltby relationships and key activities maintained, through outreach support. • Larger building and space to meet a wider range of needs and activities and provides greater accessibility • Potential for access to town centre amenities and leisure depended upon location, to enhance day opportunity experiences • More cost effective use of resources/funding to ensure customers get the best level of quality for the Rotherham £ • Maximises use and impact of capital spend • Supports socialising and existing wider friendship groups • Centralised accessible support hub and changing space for the wider LD community • Familiar service/routine is maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional travel for some people • Disruption and uncertainty for some families and people until new service offer implemented. • Move to a new location to be very carefully managed. • Need to ensure changing places are available to support safe use of local community facilities • Greater footfall and noise levels, therefore would require quiet spaces

Appendix 2

	<p>The current sites at Elliot Centre and Maple Avenue would be decommissioned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose built modern facilities • Travel/transportation arrangements easier with one site • Bringing people together builds stronger communities and communities of interest • Optimum use of workforce and staffing resource and flexibility to offer extended opening times • Every person will be reassessed to ensure their needs are met • Accessing universal services wherever possible in the community. 	
<p>Option 2 Service to operate from two new build bases, geographically split across the Borough.</p>	<p>The Service will operate from two smaller new build bases, geographically split across the Borough.</p> <p>The new buildings would be accessible to transport links and support independent travel routes</p> <p>The modern, multifunctional buildings would be in easy reach of the local communities, businesses and amenities that will enhance the day opportunities offer, and support the service to integrate within the heart of the local communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is in line with a significant response to the consultation supporting two bases. • Provides a safe place in two distinct locations. • Potential to retain the community strengths and profile that currently exists. • Maintains the current range of choice of two locations • Reduced travel arrangements for some people • Continues to support the independence that people have developed in the area. • Less disruption to routines and family life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of two buildings and service would be compromised compare with investing the available capital in one building • Resources are split across two bases limiting flexibility and opening times • Prevents wider Rotherham Borough offer re community outreach & access. • Changing places to be accessed/ established within local community facilities • Disruption and uncertainty for some families and people until new service offer implemented. • Move to a new location to be very carefully managed for people
<p>Option 3 Community based service</p>	<p>The service would operate on an outreach basis and would not have a building base presence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced operating costs • Reduces the need for council buildings • Flexible service delivery and support times • Person centred • Supports particular interests and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support hub provision would be on a virtual basis and not in a physical building seen as a social space with routine • Issues with finding changing places/dignity • Lack of service identity

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support can be more bespoke to an individual• Reduces the need for transport• Focuses on the person and not a building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces scope for wider friendship and relationship building• Lack of equipment• Uncertainty of location means the service may be unaccessable for members of the ausistic community
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Prefered Option – Option 1

The rationale for this decision is that it offers all the benefits that the investment into one large modern building would realise whilst retaining a community presence and outreach support in the east and across the wider borough in response to demand and need. This supports increased choice and control, strengthens local communities and considers the impact of people who currently use the REACH service in Maltby who may have developed a particular local interest, or wish to remain or become involved with their local community.

Together with the prefered site option (see appendix 3) and alignment with cohort mapping , this option will enable us to deliver a central base alongside community outreach support, meeting localised demand and need.