

Day Opportunities Update for the Disability and Inclusion Forum

13 December 2021

Proposals to give residents and carers more choice and flexibility over the kind of day services and opportunities available across the Royal Borough were agreed by Cabinet on 25 November. The Cabinet report and appendices are available on our [website](#).

Day services – also known as day opportunities – include activities, services and day centres for adults with dementia, learning disabilities and additional complex needs who need care and support, as well as their carers who may need respite services.

Following a needs analysis and extensive public consultation during the summer, including with residents who use the services and their families, Cabinet has approved a more flexible and person-centred service, tailored to individual needs and aspirations, that supports independence and choices in the community. The recommendations, revised from the original proposals, take into account the views expressed in the consultation that people still wanted a day centre in Windsor for those who needed it.

Windsor Day Centre and the Oakbridge Centre will close, with Boyn Grove retained as a day centre for older people and people with learning disabilities. This would be complemented by a service out in the community for those people who do not want or need to be building based.

For people with a learning disability who need a building-based service in the Windsor area, a smaller building-based day centre will be available at the Mencap building.

For older people, Windsor also has the Spencer Denney Day Centre run by Age Concern Windsor, and The Old Windsor Day Centre run by Age Concern Slough and Berkshire East, which both already receive grants from the council.

The new approach will start to be implemented from December 2021, with the intention of being fully operational by August 2022. The council will engage with and support residents and families through the transition.

The council will also have the land at Windsor Day Centre and the Oakbridge Centre to secure accommodation for young people with complex needs, so they can continue to be housed in their local area, close to their family, local support networks and services.