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Adult Social Care's consultation update

January 2015

This is a quarterly update with information about Adult Social Care's consultations – current consultations that you can take part in and the results of closed consultations. Please share this newsletter with any groups or forums that you think might be interested.

If you want more information on any of the consultations covered in this update please visit the Council's [consultation website](#).

If you have questions about any of the consultations, or you need a copy of the information in a different format – such as large print or in another language – please get in touch with the key contact for that consultation.

We produce Easy Read information about some surveys, to help people with learning disabilities to get involved. This might be leaflets, flyers or sometimes questionnaires. See the website pages for each consultation to find out what you could print out.

If you would like to be added to the list to receive this update or you want to be removed from the list [email us](#).

Current consultations

Have your say on proposed changes to the local Deferred Payment Agreement for residential care

We would like to hear your views on our proposals to change the existing East Sussex Deferred Payment Agreement to reflect the requirements of the national Care Act 2014.

Deferred Payment Agreement: The Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) is a way to help people who own property to pay for residential care. We already run a DPA in East Sussex but not all local authorities do.

The Care Act 2014: The Act reforms the law relating to the care and support of adults and their carers by bringing together a huge number of existing laws, and

introducing some new duties to local authorities. It also sets out the national DPA rules.

This consultation is about updating our existing DPA so that it meets the Care Act requirements. We also want to make sure it works well for the East Sussex residents who use it.

What you tell us will help inform the recommendations we make for updating our local Deferred Payment Agreement and help us to improve the way it is run. Adult Social Care's management team and Lead Member will consider the recommended changes to the DPA in March 2015.

The consultation closes on 24 February 2015.

[Take part in the consultation](#)

Key contact: [Zena Boniface](#)

Drugs and Alcohol – developing the priorities for our strategy

We would like to hear what you think the issues around drugs and alcohol are for East Sussex.

We think it is important to:

- maintain and support our thriving night time economy and tourist industry, whilst reducing the harm that alcohol can cause people and communities,
- offer timely and effective support and advice for people experiencing problems with drugs or alcohol,
- make our county safer by tackling crime linked to drugs and alcohol, and
- increase the knowledge and understanding in communities of the harm caused by alcohol.

What is most important to you?

We will be gathering views through existing community groups, forums and focus groups. There is also an online comment form that you can complete by visiting the website (see link below).

What you tell us will help us to develop the priorities for our Drugs and Alcohol Strategy. You will have a chance to comment on the draft Strategy later in the year.

The comment period closes on 11 March 2015.

[Share your comments](#)

Key contact: [Daniel Parsonage](#)

Consultation results

Meals in the community consultation – next steps

At its meeting on 27 January the Council's Cabinet will consider the review and consultation on the Meals in the Community (MitC) service and proposals on future service arrangements and funding. We'll provide a full update in the next issue of Get involved.

[Read the report \(Item 7\)](#)

Key contact: [Sophie Clark](#)

East Sussex Better Together: Shaping Services for the Future

A report bringing together all the feedback and ideas from the recent shaping health and care services events is now available. The main topic for the events was East Sussex Better Together.

Better Together is a programme to support a co-ordinated approach to planning health and social care across Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Hastings and Rother CCG, High Weald Lewes Havens CCG, and East Sussex County Council.

More than 200 people participated in the workshops in addition to CCG governing body members, CCG staff and social care staff.

[Read the report](#)

Key contact: [Claire Debenham](#)

The next quarterly update will be available in April 2015.