

Consultation Timetable of Events

Who?	When?	Where?
Service Users & families	Monday 5 th Dec 2011 11am - 1pm	The Council House
Bristol City Council staff	Monday 5 th Dec 2011 6pm - 8pm	The Council House
Partners/ care providers/ Interested parties	Weds 7 th Dec 2011 11am - 1pm	The Memorial Stadium Filton Avenue
Service Users & families	Weds 7 th Dec 2011 6pm - 8pm	The Memorial Stadium Filton Avenue
<i>Care home staff</i>	Mon 9/1/12 10.30 am	Brentry
Residents & families	Mon 9/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Tues 10/1/12 10.30	Bowmead
Residents & families	Tues 10/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Fri 13/1/12 10.30 am	Broomhill
Residents & families	Thurs 12/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Mon 16/1/12 10.30	Coombe
Residents & families	Mon 16/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Tues 17/1/12 10.30	Greville
Residents & families	Tues 17/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Thurs 19/1/12 10.30	Hayleigh
Residents & families	Thurs 19/1/12 1-4pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Mon 23/1/12 10.30	Maesknoll
Residents & families	Mon 23/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Weds 25/1/12 10.30	Rockwell
Residents & families	Weds 25/1/12 1-4pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Thurs 26/1/12 10.30	St Peters
Residents & families	Thurs 26/1/12 1-4pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Fri 27/1/12 10.30 pm	Westleigh
Residents & families	Fri 27/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Mon 30/1/12 10.30	Redfield
Residents & families	Mon 30/1/12 1-4 pm	
<i>Care home staff</i>	Tues 31/1/12 10.30	Wellhay
Residents & families	Tues 31/1/12 1-4 pm	



Health & Social Care Residential Consultation 2011

We know the Council residential homes are valued by the residents, their families, friends and staff - which is why we are asking for your views and the views of other interested parties. This will help us decide how we can continue to improve services within the difficult financial environment that now exists.

Why do we need to change?

- The number of older people living in the city will increase by 13% in the next 10 years. We have less money to provide services so need to look carefully at costs and consider working in different ways.
- Developing alternatives to long-term residential care, such as Extra Care Housing, short-term residential care and support will help older people to stay in their own home for as long as possible. It will also increase choice.
- The council's homes need modernising are becoming less popular, with new resident numbers falling each year and 40% of places currently vacant. We do not have the money to pay for the improvements needed.
- Places in council homes cost £306 per person per week more than homes in the independent and voluntary sectors.

Why is the Council consulting on it's residential care homes?

We previously reviewed the residential services provided by the Council in Bristol. The aim was to respond better to the needs and choices of older people, by delivering more community/home based care services and reducing the number of older people living in residential care.

The Council's Cabinet agreed to close all council run elderly persons homes and replace them with a smaller number of residential/ resource centres and specialist dementia units.

Some of the plan was completed but the work was paused in June 2010 due to escalating costs, following a fall in property market valuations and increased staffing costs.

This had led to:

- a funding gap of £10 million to complete building work
- a funding gap of £870k a year to run the services - which would rise to £1.6m if a decision was taken to borrow funds to complete the changes

There are also new national policy requirements which need to be taken into account.

It costs £306 more per person per week on average to provide places in Council run care homes than in an equivalent service in the independent sector. We would need to spend £2.7 million on maintenance of the homes over the next 5 years. This doesn't include the money we would have to spend to improve the homes.

Council run residential care has been the subject of much discussion over a period of years and there is a need to provide clarity both for service users and for our staff, by creating a clear plan as to the way forward.

What is Extra Care Housing?

Extra Care Housing offers greater privacy and independence for older people, and this option is clearly what older people want. The accommodation means residents live in their own apartments but with the option of communal facilities and 24-hour care when it is needed. Extra Care Housing also gives older people who are home owners the option to keep equity rather than selling their property to fund residential care.

How are we consulting?

We will be speaking directly with residents, residents families, groups and organisations representing older people, staff and trade unions to find out their views and opinions.

During the consultation period people will be able to fill in a questionnaire by going to 'Bristol City Council consultation finder', at

<http://www.citizenspace.com/bristol>

This includes links to more detailed information.

Paper questionnaires and information packs will be available at the meetings shown in the table of events, on the back page of this leaflet. They are also available by e-mailing:

residential.consultation@bristol.gov.uk

or by phoning 0117 352 1456 - please specify "residential consultation"

or writing to:

Social Care Transformation Team, consultation(HSC/AC)

Bristol City Council, FREEPOST NAT17481, PO Box 30, Bristol BS1 5BR

This leaflet is available on request in larger print, other languages and easy read formats.

Please also contact us if support is needed to complete the questionnaire.