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Dear Steven

Residential Short Breaks Care – Task and Finish Group Key Findings

Thank you for your letter dated 17 July 2019 regarding the outcomes from the HASC Task and Finish group on the Residential Short Breaks proposals. I welcome your support for the development of an integrated service for clients with continuing health and social care needs and partnership funding from Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) to establish this new facility. Everyone in my team does very much appreciate the work the Task and Finish group put into this enquiry – it was detailed and robust but we all believe it added value and it has helped my consideration of this project.

In response to your substantive points:

- I have revised my draft letter (attached overleaf) to primary stakeholders to include a timeframe that review of day opportunities would start and will now ask officers to send that out.
- The capital receipt from the sale of the Seeley's site has been removed from the current MTFP.
- We started a further 6 week engagement with all Aylesbury Opportunity Centre (AOC) service users and carers on 5 July 2019. We have already had a positive response from the people who we have contacted.

I had also paused final sign-off of the Short Breaks Policy for Adults pending the group's enquiry but I will now progress that document as I feel the transparent framework for setting out types of support will be helpful.

I would again like to thank all the members of the group for their commitment and expertise and I feel this piece of pre-decision scrutiny has greatly enhanced the rigour of this programme of work.

Yours sincerely



Lin Hazell
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing



26th June 2019

Dear service user/parent/carer,

Residential Short Breaks (respite) consultation and Seeley's day centre

I am writing to you following an evaluation of the consultation we carried out from 16 January to 13 March 2019 on the future of residential short breaks.

One of the messages we have heard is that some service users and carers are worried about the future of Seeley's day centre. They are also concerned that the County Council is planning to sell the whole of the Seeley's House site.

I would like reassure you that Seeley's day centre is not under review at this time. There are no plans in place at present either to stop it operating or to sell the land on which it is based.

We have written to you before to say Seeley's day centre will be reviewed at some point. I can make clear that this will not start before the new financial year 2020-21 and when this happens, there will be a full consultation and your views will be taken into account. We will keep working with all services users, families and carers to understand what is needed from day services in future. No changes to services will be made without formal engagement and there is no decision to alter the Seeley's day service at the moment.

I do hope this clears up any anxieties you may have but if you have any questions please contact us by email at DayOpps@buckscc.gov.uk or call **01296 383 122** and leave a message.

Yours sincerely,



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