



Over and Greenfields Children's Centre

Consultation



Early Help and
Prevention Service



Cheshire West
and Chester

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This consultation provides the opportunity for you to share your views on services for children, families and young people in Winsford.

We want to make sure families in Winsford get the best all-round help. This booklet describes two options that aim to make services easily available for the people who need them most. Please read about the options and take the opportunity to share your views (see 'How can I get involved and have my say?' on page 3).

Foreword

Children's centres deliver child and family health services for children, young people and families in west Cheshire. The centres offer advice and support on health and wellbeing issues for pre-natal parents through to young people aged up to 19 years. This extends to 25 years for young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

Currently there are two main children's centres in the Winsford area.

- Greenfields
- Wharton

Until 2015 there was also a children's centre in Over however this was de-registered following a public consultation. The building has continued to house Sunrise Nursery and Homestart family support service.

What are we consulting on?

In Winsford our vision is to make services easily available for the people who need them most. We are looking at two options and are asking people what they think about the different proposals:

1. Greenfields Children's Centre to remain as a main children's centre.
Over Children's Centre to remain closed.
2. Over Children's Centre to be re-registered and opened as a main children's centre.
Greenfields Children's Centre to change to a linked site (providing further services tailored to meet the needs of local children.)

Re-registration means that a children's centre would re-open and offer services for local children, families and young people aged 0-19 years and up to 25 years if they have special educational needs and disabilities. Ofsted inspect all registered children's centres.

This booklet provides information about both of these options and how you can give us your views.

How can I get involved and have my say?

The Council is committed to keeping service users and professionals who work with our children involved in this consultation. We are interested in hearing from all local residents and particularly those who use children's centre services. We also want to hear from professionals working with our children and families.

There are a number of ways to give us your feedback:

- complete the online consultation questionnaire at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/overandgreenfieldsconsultation
- complete a printed copy of the questionnaire, available at Greenfield's Children's Centre, Wharton Children's Centre, Over Hall Community School and in local libraries. Please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided or drop it into any children's centre before the consultation closing date.

If you have any questions about the consultation please use one of the following methods to get in touch:

Email: youngpeoplesservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Phone: 01244 973258

The consultation will close on Friday 16 March 2018.

What happens next?

The results will be made available on the Council's website and will inform a report to Cabinet in May 2018. A press release will also be issued to share the results.

Our vision for children's centres in Winsford

Our children's centres deliver high quality services supporting all our families, children and young people to get the best start in life. Children's centres meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable children and their families at the earliest stage. Professionals work together to make access to services easy and to make sure they are delivered in a timely way.

Children's centre services

Main children's centres deliver a full core offer of services. This can include antenatal services, family support and information, advice and guidance - for example helping parents and carers to prepare your child for school, specialist support for children with additional needs and activities to support access to training and employment.

Some main children's centres have a linked site. Currently in Winsford there are no linked sites attached to Greenfields or Wharton.

Linked sites provide one or more services as set out in the Sure Start children's centre statutory guidance. Services are tailored to meet the needs of local children and their families. For example this could be early years and childcare services such as a playgroup or a nursery or it could be child and family health services like midwifery clinics or child health clinics.

Children's centre locations and locality boundaries in Winsford:

Greenfields

Greenfields footprint, proposal to change from a main to a linked children's centre site (Greenfields Children's Centre, Whitby's Lane, Winsford CW7 2LZ)

Wharton

Wharton footprint, continuing centre (Wharton Children's Centre, Bradbury Road, Wharton, Winsford CW7 3HN)

Over

Over footprint, proposal to re-register and open as a main children's centre (on the same site as Over Hall Community School, Ludlow Close, Winsford CW7 1LX)

Why are we considering making changes?

We want to make sure services that improve health, education and social care for our children and families are best placed for those who need it most. We have looked at poverty levels in the area, how people currently use services and also any new housing that may have an impact on increased numbers of the 0-19 population. After looking at this information we are proposing to re-register Over Children's Centre.

The service delivered from children's centres changed in January 2018. The Starting Well Service delivers an integrated service for 0 -19 year olds. Starting Well Teams are based around main children's centres and work with key partners in the local community. Re-registering Over Children's Centre will see a full core offer of children's centre services delivered in the heart of the Over community. This will make it easier for more people in Over to access the services provided, will ensure that all children aged 2, 3 and 4 have access to high quality early years provision and will ensure we have the right services in the right place.

What information have we used?

- The number of people using Greenfields Children's Centres
- The number of people registered at Greenfield's Children's Centres
- Levels of deprivation and levels of need in the local area for each of the children's centre locations (Greenfields and Over)
- Customer feedback, compliments and complaints
- The Children's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which identifies needs in each of the children's centre areas

What options are we considering?

We are consulting on two things:

Option 1 - Services will remain as they are now with services provided from two main children's centres (Greenfields and Wharton).

Option 2 – Services will be provided from two main children’s centres (Over and Wharton) and one linked site (Greenfields) where services will be tailored to meet the needs of local children and their families.

Details are included in the table below:

<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenfields Children’s Centre to remain as a main children’s centre • Over Children’s Centre to remain closed
Services will remain as they are currently at Greenfields, delivered by the integrated Starting Well Team
Greenfields Children’s Centre will continue to be part of the local authority estate portfolio
Families in the Over area will continue to travel to access the services they need
Sunrise Nursery will continue to operate out of Over Children’s Centre building
<p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over Children’s Centre to be re-registered and opened as a main children’s centre • Greenfields Children’s Centre to change to a linked site
Over Children’s Centre will re-open as a main site with a full core offer, delivered by the integrated Starting Well Team
Increased service delivery for 0-19 year olds at Over Children’s Centre
Sunrise Nursery will continue to operate from Over Children’s Centre
Parents and expectant parents will have a choice about which centre to use and a wider choice of services available to them from Over Children’s Centre
The Oak View Academy, Whitby’s Lane, Winsford will manage Greenfield’s Children’s Centre and will continue to provide child and family health services to meet the need of the local community
Oak View Academy will deliver an enhanced childcare offer from Greenfields Children’s Centre

To give your views on these options please complete the online questionnaire:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OverandGreenfieldsConsultation/>

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