

Adults & Family Wellbeing

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Dear Provider

Day opportunities for people with a learning disability

As you are aware, the Council has begun a major review of day service provision throughout the county. The introduction of brokerage as an integral part of the review process means that we are routinely gathering information regarding the type of opportunities people want to consider as an alternative to a centre based service. For people with a **learning disability**, there are some common interests emerging –

- Social groups/chance to ‘chill-out’ with friends – some will have established friendships which they will want to continue
- Trips to cinema, bowling etc
- Going to the pub
- Lunch clubs (could be combined with shopping and budget management skills)
- Volunteering/employment opportunities

We are interested to know from providers whether you can deliver the opportunities people want, in the right place and at the right time. We have therefore attached a form for you to complete which will give us with an indication of what opportunities you can offer. We will discuss options with people currently being reviewed as soon as possible, so at this stage we are interested only in services that currently exist or can be set up in a very short time.

It is difficult to know precise numbers or what service options people will choose at this stage and not everyone will have an indication of the budget available to them. The information below therefore is a **predicted** level of demand within 4 localities that we have identified as being the areas where most demand is anticipated.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Area	Number of people who may be seeking day opportunities
High Wycombe	56
Aylesbury	24
Chesham	17
Winslow & Buckingham	23

Once we have the information on what opportunities are available, we will be in a better position to identify how many people are interested in which activities.

Transport

A recurring issue that we are undertaking further work on is the one of transport. The fact that people will be accessing a variety of facilities rather than a centralised resource will increase the demand for transport. We are keen to look at all options for developing a stronger transport network, as well as providing travel training to individuals who may, over time, be able to travel independently. If you have any vehicles available to individuals/groups, or any other ideas on how we can help people to access community facilities, then do please let us know by completing the relevant section on the attached form and return to Bharti Quinn as indicated.

We are also very interested in hearing from providers who are able to deliver community based vocational services. We will be setting up a bespoke meeting to consider this element of our day opportunities strategy with providers and the Job Centre Plus. If this is something you are interested in providing can you please tick the form below.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your assistance

Regards

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DEVELOPMENT OF DAY OPPORTUNITIES

Provider Name:

Contact Name:

Tel:

Email:

ACTIVITY AREA	CAPACITY	STAFF COST	VENUE & COST (if applicable)		TRANSPORT		ANY OTHER INFORMATION
<u>Example 1</u> <i>Social group activity</i>	8	1:1 = £x 1:2 = 1:3 = 1:4 = Etc	<i>Sunshine House, Aylesbury</i> <i>Per hr/session cost</i>	£x	<i>Service has mini bus</i> <i>Charge per person</i>	£x	
<u>Example 2</u> <i>Gardening Group</i>	4	1:1 = £x 1:2 = 1:3 = 1:4 =	<i>Valley Court, High Wycombe</i>	N/A	No	N/A	

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Are you able to deliver community based vocational services?

Yes

No

Please return your completed form by email ASAP to Bharti Quinn – bquinn@buckscc.gov.uk

THANK YOU