



HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16TH OCTOBER 2014

SUBJECT: DAY SERVICES

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with additional information on the discretionary day services, as part of the agreed budget strategy for 2015/2016.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides information on the option of reconfiguring day services by reducing the number of bases used and centralising services to be more efficient whilst enabling levels of service to be maintained.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The budget strategy agreed by Council in February 2014 required estimated savings of £6.5m for the 2015/16 financial year and £6.9m for 2016/17. This estimate has since been revised following advice from the Minister for Local Government that Local Authorities should model scenarios based on a cut in Welsh Government funding of up to 4.5%, rather than the previously notified indicative cut of 1.5%. This has the potential to increase the savings requirement to £15.1m for 2015/16 and £15.0m for 2016/17.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Day service provision is a discretionary service provided for all client groups across adult services in a variety of settings across the county borough.
- 4.2 At a previous Special Scrutiny Meeting on 17th July 2014, Members requested additional information on the option to reconfigure the provision of day services by reducing the number of bases used. These bases would be reconfigured geographically by combining centres in to one location. This would result in economies of scale through reduced building and staffing costs and would allow services to continue to be provided for individuals and their carers at their current levels.
- 4.3 In the south of the county borough, it is proposed that Llanfabon, which is part of Brodawel Residential Home, becomes the main centre for the provision of day services. This would involve the relocation of Caerphilly Day Centre and the Retirement Group. The lease is up on the latter and alternative premises were already being considered. The authority owns Caerphilly Day Centre which could then be sold, realising a capital receipt. The current day services provided at Llanfabon would continue as the centre is currently under occupied and

can accommodate both Caerphilly Day Centre and the Retirement Group.

- 4.4 Llanfabon would be an ideal base for the Retirement Group given the extensive grounds available and the opportunities for gardening type activities.
- 4.5 Some minor works of adaptation would be required to ensure facilities at Llanfabon are suitable for the increased service user numbers.
- 4.6 Llanfabon is located only 1.4 miles from Caerphilly Day Centre and 1.5 miles from the Retirement Group. Hence there is likely to be minimal impact on transport costs and travel times for people.
- 4.7 Currently the DEAF club use the centre one evening a week so alternative premises would need to be found for them.
- 4.8 In the north of the county borough, it is proposed that services for older people will be centralised at the Rhymney Integrated Health Centre, with services for people with learning disabilities being centralised at Min-y-Mynydd.
- 4.9 Some minor works of adaptation will be required to ensure the building at Min-y-Mynydd is fit for purpose given the increase in service users.
- 4.10 Min-y-Mynydd is 0.9 miles from Gwerin and 0.6 mile from the Rhymney Integrated Health Centre so there will be little impact on transport costs or travel times for people.
- 4.11 By making the residential homes the hub for day service provision the model becomes sustainable in the longer term. These proposals enable services to continue to receive a service in the same community alongside the same people, which feedback suggests is important to individuals.
- 4.12 All other day services would remain in their current locations and format at this time.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An equalities impact assessment will be completed for the cabinet report as part of MTFP proposals.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

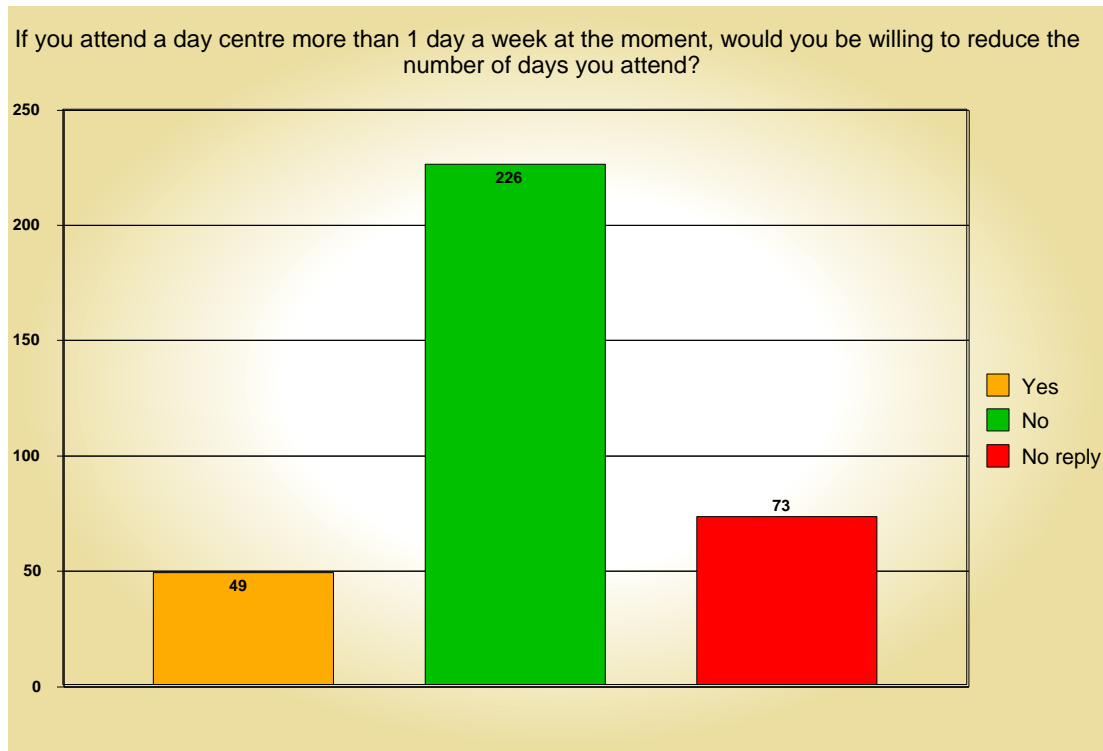
- 6.1 Minor works of adaptations would be required at Llanfabon and Min-y-Mynydd to accommodate the increasing number of service users. However, if this work is undertaken in the current financial year it could be funded within existing 2014/15 resources.
- 6.2 The proposed relocations for the north of the county borough would save around £10k in non-staff costs and £94k in staff costs.
- 6.3 The proposed relocations for the south of the county borough would save around £19k in non-staff costs and £162k in staff costs.
- 6.4 In total, these proposals would result in a saving of £285k. However, only £255k this saving would be released in the 2015/16 financial year as around £30k is required to deliver the balance of a £100k savings target for direct care management that was built into the 2014/15 budget for strategy for Social Services.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

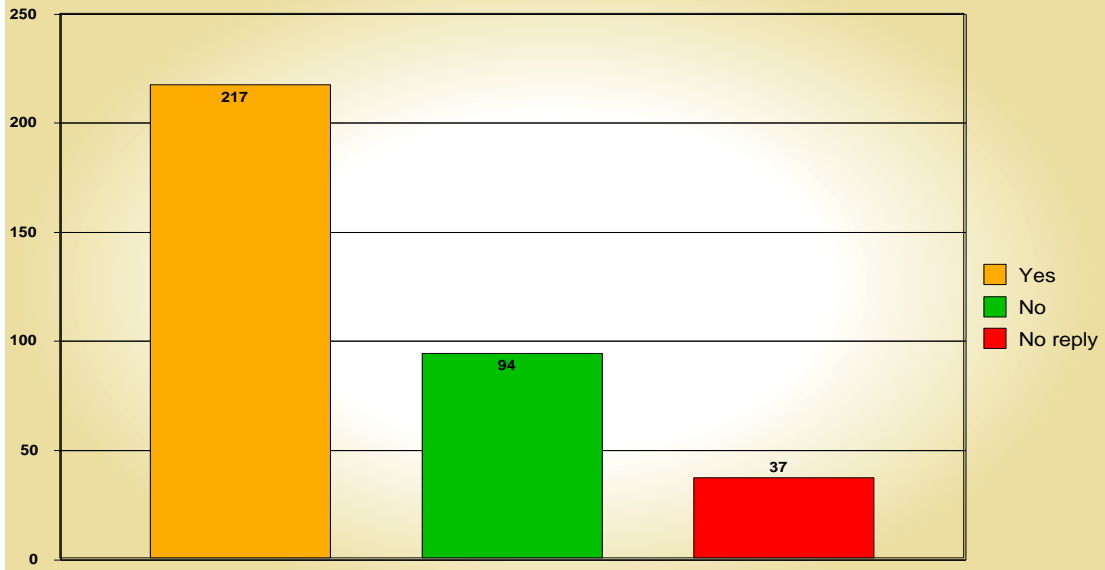
- 7.1 There are staffing implications associated with these proposals the centralisation of services will mean there is a need for less staffing hours.
- 7.2 There will be a reduction in the number of Senior Day Service Officers/Day Opportunities Co-ordinators required across day services from 14 to 12 FTE.
- 7.3 There will be a net reduction of around 280 care hours across the county borough, due to economies of scale and co-location there will be no detriment to the level of care individuals receive. The number of posts affected will be between 10-15 dependent on the contract hours per individual employee.
- 7.4 There will be an increase in the number of kitchen hours required at Llanfabon as approximately 30 extra meals a day will be provided there. It is estimated that this can be accommodated by transferring 20 hours of kitchen hours from Caerphilly Day Centre.
- 7.5 Vacancies have been held across provider services to assist us to deal with any potential redeployment requirements.
- 7.6 Any staff affected by these changes will be fully supported by the authority using appropriate policies and procedures.

8. CONSULTATIONS

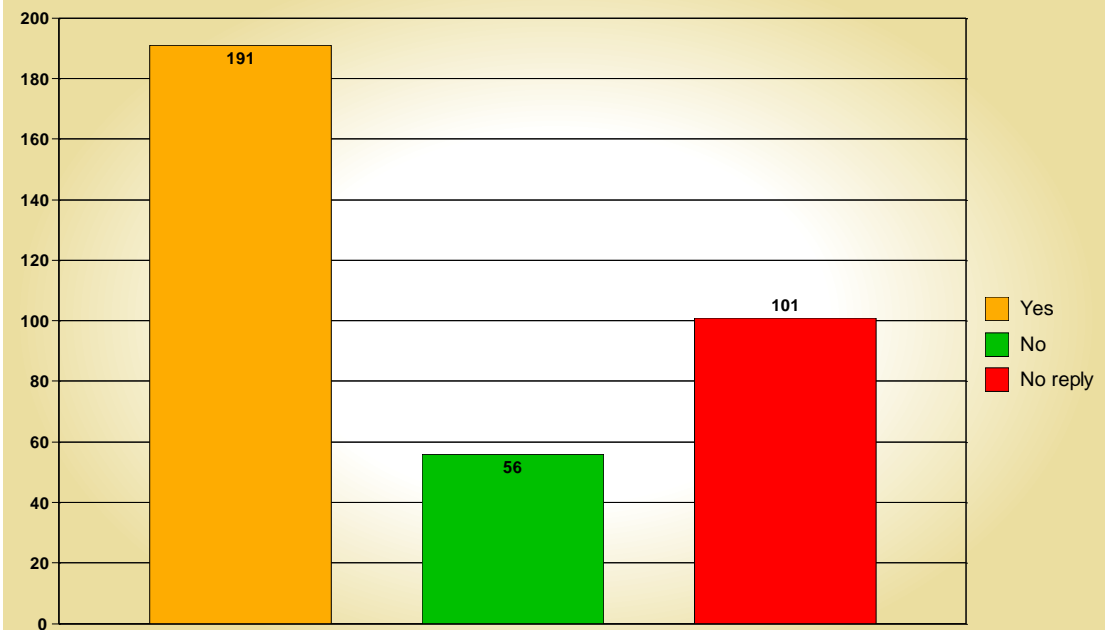
- 8.1 A survey was sent to people currently in receipt of one or more discretionary services to gain their views on the proposals.
- 8.2 742 surveys were distributed and 349 were returned which equates to a 48% response. Results to questions on day service are illustrated below:

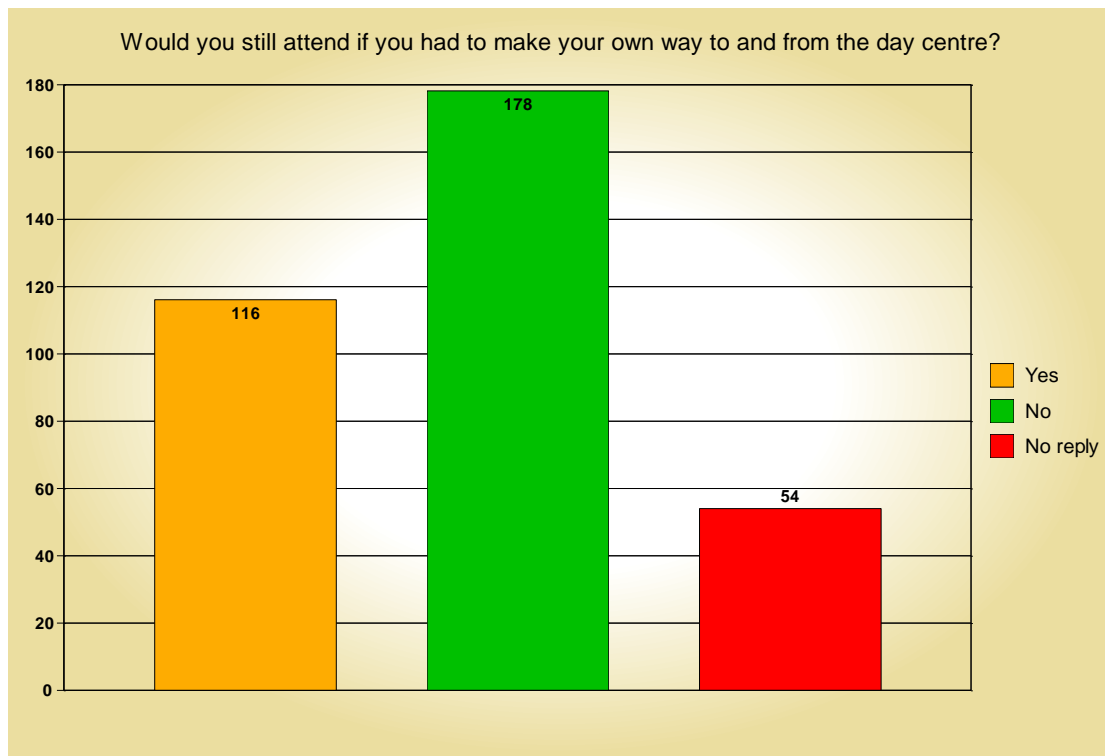


If the day centre you currently go to were not available would you be willing to attend a different one?



If yes, would you still attend if you had to travel further to a day centre?





8.3 Survey respondents were given the opportunity to give additional comments relating to the question “If the day centre you currently go to were not available would you be willing to attend a different one? Yes or No.

A total of 148 comments were received which can be grouped into the main areas

- Local, 43 comments reflected the fact people liked to be in their local area for convenience, in terms of travel time.
- Familiar 62 comments reflected the fact that people wanted to be in the same surrounding with the same attendees and staff.
- Transport 21 comments were made in relation to this primarily around length of journey people didn’t want to travel significantly further or spend a longer time on transport.
- Facilities 2 people commented on the need for the facilities to be suitable to meet their needs should they have to attend a different centre.
- 20 comments weren’t applicable to this question.

8.4 Respondents were also asked “What matters to you about attending the day centre”

281 comments were made in answer to this question. The over whelming themes were social, meeting people, preventing isolation and giving their carers a break.

8.5 A full copy of the survey responses is available in appendix 1.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment upon the option to centralise day services set out in part 4 of the report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure that the views of the Scrutiny Committee are considered on this discretionary service prior to this matter being referred to Cabinet.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 1972

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Background Papers:
Scrutiny Report Day Services 17th July 2014

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Survey of Discretionary Service Users Analysis