Moor End Day Services Facts & Figures

Formally known as Moor End Adult Training Centre this day centre has been providing a service for Adults with Learning Disabilities since the early 1970's. It was built on a light industrial estate on Beza Road as a factory type unit. This was because the main focus of day services thirty five years ago was contract work. The aim of modern day services is to promote independence and social inclusion rather than keeping people with learning disabilities separate from the rest of the community in large segregated institutions. The building itself is now deemed to be wholly unsuitable as a modern social care facility in terms of its size, location, condition and facilities. It has no special care facilities which means people with more complex needs in this part of Leeds have to be transported to other parts of the city to receive a day service. The Centre is also currently home to the SLATE furniture project run by a local voluntary organisation but this runs separately to the Social Services day service.

Moor End is a 150 place day service open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm There are currently 127 people who attend there at some point during the week It has an average daily attendance of 95

At any given time a high proportion of these people attending will be outside the centre building supported by staff to attend college, employment training or social and leisure activities in the community.

Of the 127 people who attend Moor End :

Only 42 live in Leeds 10 & 11 A further 12 live in other South Leeds postcodes. 73 people are therefore transported from North East and North West Leeds to Moor End to receive their day service.

A further 26 people with learning disabilities live in the Leeds 10 & 11 area who currently attend other day services (some of which have high support needs which cannot be met at Moor End)

It would be the plan to replace Moor End with two small modern community bases with specialist facilities to meet the needs of the 68 people with learning disabilities who live with family carers in Leeds 10 & 11. These buildings would provide the safety net of day time respite for family carers but the focus of the service would be to support people where possible to use mainstream community facilities in their local area and in Leeds as a whole.

The 73 people from outside Leeds 10 & 11 will as part of the city wide plan receive a service in their own local community.

Feedback from consultation

The carers group at Moor End have been wanting a new building for a number of years so we were anticipating a large percentage of them to be in favour of the modernisation plan.

Individual letters were sent out to all 78 family carers with a reply slip and a stamped addressed envelope at the beginning of December.

All letters sent out to carers from the South Asian Community were followed up with a phone call from a specialist South Asian worker to ensure the letter was understood and people were offered assistance to register their views.

We had 26 replies in total (33%) of which 13 said they were in favour of the plans and did not need to be consulted further.

Another 13 people asked for someone to visit them to explain the plans further.

All these people have been seen in January either individually or in small groups.

12 out of these 13 people are saying they are broadly in favour of the plan

One person has so far objected. His objection was however not about the plan itself but that he did not believe that the Council intended to replace the Centre and it was a trick to do away with day services altogether.

So far therefore 96% of family carers who responded to the letter say they support the modernisation plan

We have held half day workshops with all staff and Leeds Advocacy has run a workshop for over forty service users at the Centre. Again feedback has generally been positive and people seem very supportive of the modernisation plan. Some staff are worried about their jobs and both groups are concerned they might not get what's been promised. Almost everyone agrees the current building is a very poor environment to spend their days.