

Oxfordshire Children's Services Consultation Summary

Have your say about the future of children's services in Oxfordshire

The council wants to know what people think about its plans for the Children's Centres and Early Intervention Hubs in Oxfordshire.

Why are we making changes?

The Government is giving all councils less money to provide their services. This means we are looking at how we can do things differently, save money and still provide good quality services.

The council must protect vulnerable children in Oxfordshire from abuse and neglect, which means that making changes to the Children's Centres and Early Intervention Hubs is the only way of saving money.

The plan

Our plan is to create a brand new service for families and their children aged 0-19 years old, or up to 25 if the child has additional needs.

We are proposing to replace Oxfordshire's 44 Children's Centres and Early Intervention Hubs with up to eight new Children and Family Centres. The Children and Family Centres will bring together the services currently provided by the Children's Centres, the Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Social Care.

The new Children and Family Centres would also provide an outreach service so we can support children and families close to where they live.

We would also work with schools, health and other services to make sure that children and families get the help that they need.

There are different ways we could do things

We think there are three ways we could set up the new service and we want to know which one you think would be best. The table below shows the different ways we could do things.

	Option: 1	Option: 2	Option: 3
Have services for children and families who most need them?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Have some services for all children and families?	No	Some	Some by giving grants to other organisations
How many Children and Family Centres?	8	8	6
Where will the	1. Abingdon	1. Abingdon	1. Banbury

Children and Family Centres be	2. Banbury 3. Bicester 4. Didcot 5. Oxford - Barton/Sandhills 6. Oxford - Blackbird Leys 7. Oxford - Rose Hill / Littlemore 8. Witney	2. Banbury 3. Bicester 4. Didcot 5. Oxford - Barton/Sandhills 6. Oxford - Blackbird Leys 7. Oxford - Rose Hill / Littlemore 8. Witney	2. Didcot 3. Oxford - Barton/Sandhills 4. Oxford - Blackbird Leys 5. Oxford - Rose Hill / Littlemore 6. Witney
Outreach support to children and families?	Yes	Some	Some
Work with schools, health and other services?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Join up the work of Children's Centres, Early Intervention Hubs and Children's Social Care?	Yes	Yes	Yes

How we made our plan

We made our plan by looking at:

- what we have to do by law
- what people need and want
- what we do now and what we could do differently

Have your say

You can have your say up until the 10th of January 2016.

You can do this by completing the online questionnaire on the county council website <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation>

Or

Sending back the consultation questionnaire, which is available at all Children's Centres, Early Intervention Hubs, and at most Oxfordshire County Council Buildings, including libraries.

You can return it to any Children's Centre or Early Intervention Hub or send it to the County Council using the following FREEPOST address:

Children's Services Consultation
FREEPOST OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(No further address details are required)

Or

Coming along to one of the public events on:

Wednesday 18 November from 6 - 7.30 pm at Kings Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford
OX2 0ES

Monday 23 November from 6 - 7.30 pm at Didcot Civic Centre, Britwell Road, Didcot,
OX11 7JN

Monday 30 November from 6 - 7.30 pm at John Paul II Centre, Webb Court,
Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

What happens next?

A group of people called the Cabinet will then look at the plans and your ideas. This group is made up of people called councillors who have been voted for by the public.

Your feedback will be passed on to Cabinet in Spring 2016.

Once they made a decision, we will start to make the changes.