

Consultation on the Change of use of Montague Hall from a Public Hall to an Adult Substance Misuse Recovery Service

The proposal

The London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) currently benefits from an integrated drug and alcohol recovery service, supporting those who have had difficulties with substance misuse, as well as their families, to move forward positively. The service supports around 1100 residents a year, all with very different problems and needs, helping them to reduce and stop their drug and alcohol use. Those who come for help can range from people who are struggling with significant dependency to those who may just be starting to have problems with their levels of drinking, or drug use and need support to stop. There are also those who attend in order to help them maintain their recovery, many of whom also volunteer, supporting others, fund raising and carrying out practical tasks such as ensuring the outside of the building is kept tidy. The service offers various different support groups, one to one work, counselling, positive activities and clinical interventions such as prescribing services.

In July 2018, the current contract for the service provider comes to an end. This means that LBH Public Health team, are carrying out a tender to make sure the borough continues to have a high quality treatment service in place at the beginning of July 2018. As part of this process, due to the reduction in the national Public Health Grant, LBH will be required to find financial savings. Wherever possible, LBH look to ensure the impact on vulnerable service users, is minimised as much as possible and that best value for the whole community is considered. This has led to the proposal that one way to support this is to relocate the current treatment service. The base is at present in the centre of Hounslow in Pharmacia House. This building is accessible and has been an asset to the significant service improvement that has taken place. However, the building costs around £250k per year to operate which is no longer affordable

A drug and alcohol support service has specific needs in terms of a building. Firstly, confidentiality and exclusive access is paramount meaning a shared premises is not practical. The building also needs to be easily accessible through public transport and in a central location. The internal room space needed includes as an absolute minimum two group rooms, five one to one appointment rooms, five clinical rooms, toilets and staff office space. Alternative properties to fit the minimum specification

were reviewed in late 2016. The review demonstrated the lack of either affordable or suitable alternative space (full review is available on www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations) and no alternative was identified.

After reviewing the options, we are therefore proposing that the service could be relocated in to the LBH building, Montague Hall. The building is a short walk from the current premises and whilst it is smaller, it will offer the savings that will allow this essential service to operate. In total, it is expected that an annual saving of circa 150k would result from this move, which would otherwise have to be removed from frontline services.

Montague Hall is a Public Hall, meaning it is available for community use, though it is primarily occupied by Age UK Hounslow. Age UK Hounslow will be relocating to Southville Community Centre by the 1st February 2018 where they will be able to offer many of the other community groups that currently use Montague Hall, an alternative space (see notification attached to this consultation on www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations). Due to service needs, if the substance misuse treatment service were to relocate to Montague Hall, it would then have to be closed as a Public Hall, meaning there would be no opportunity for other community groups to utilise this space.

Every effort would be made to minimise any negative impact related to this proposal. We value your views and will ensure they are considered carefully before any further decisions are made.

How can I give you my views?

We want to give people the opportunity to feedback their thoughts as openly as possible. We would encourage you to complete the simple survey below which includes space to inform us of anything you feel is important.

This consultation, as well as the two back ground documents referred to (the rent review and Age UK Hounslow announcement) can be found on <https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations>. This can be very simply completed on line through this webpage.

If you do not feel you are able to do so and would prefer, you can e-mail your thoughts to Claire Gomm via PublicHealth@hounslow.gov.uk.

All responses received within the deadline will be considered.

What happens next?

The consultation formerly begins on 8th November 2017 and ends on 6th December 2017. After this end date, LBH will review all responses received and consider the best option moving forward.

Once a decision has been finalised, all those who responded to the consultation will be contacted with that result and as much information as possible. A decision will be announced by the end of January 2018.

The survey

Please answer the following as fully as possible.

Name of respondent	
Organisation represented (if applicable)	
Address of respondent	
Contact number or e-mail (if you wish to be contacted directly)	

Question 1: Do you feel this proposal will impact on you, or your organisation (please tick one)?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 2: Can you please explain why you gave your answer above?

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Question 3: Do you have any suggestions which may help to reduce any impact on you or your organisation?

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Question 4: Are there any specific questions or concerns that you have which you wish to be addressed?



Thank you for completing the survey.

Please could you now complete the Equalities Monitoring Form below:



**London Borough
of Hounslow**

Hounslow Equalities Monitoring Form

Help us to improve access to Council services by filling in the data below. Your answers will not be used to identify you. You do not have to answer the questions if you prefer not to but the data will help us to highlight trends and patterns in access to services.

Confidentiality and Data Protection Act 1998

We recognise that the information you provide may be sensitive and we will respect your confidentiality. We keep information about you confidential. This means we store it securely and control who has access to it. We will not share any information where we are not legally required to do so. We will only share such information as necessary and where we are satisfied that the other organisation is entitled to receive it and will keep your information secure. We will publish the results of the data collected but individuals will not be identified. The council will take into account the implication of collecting, storing, analysing data under the Data Protection Act 1998 when publishing the data.

Please help us by answering the questions below and by ticking the boxes that apply.

1. Age: What age group do you belong to?

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55 – 64 65 – 74 75 – 84 85+

2. Disability: Do you have a disability? Yes No

If you have answered 'yes', please tick the boxes below that best describe your disability.

- Physical Disability
- Blind/ sight impairment Deaf/ hearing impairment Dual Sensory Loss
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health Condition
- Long-term illness or health condition, e.g. Cancer, HIV, Diabetes, Chronic Heart disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Chronic Asthma
- Other. Please write
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3. Religion/ belief: What is your religion/ belief?

- Atheist/none Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim
- Sikh
- Other, please write.....

4. Sexual orientation: What is your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual Lesbian Gay Bisexual
- Other, please write
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5. Relationship status: What is your relationship status?

Married Single Co-habiting Civil partnership

Other, please write

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6. Sex/ gender: What is your sex/ gender?

Male Female

Transgender

Transsexual

Other, please write.....

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7. Race/ ethnicity: What is your race/ethnicity?

Asian or Asian British:

Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese

Any Other Asian Background, please describe:

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British:

African Caribbean

Any Other Black / African / Caribbean Background, please describe:

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Dual heritage:

White and Black African White and Black Caribbean White and Asian

Any Other Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Background, please describe:

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White:

British English Irish Northern Irish Polish Scottish Welsh

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Any Other Traveller Background, please describe:

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Any Other White Background, please describe:

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Other Ethnic Group:

Arab Any Other Ethnic Group, please describe:

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Categories derived from Census

8. Postcode: What is your postcode?