

Comments from Children's Centre Consultation meeting 16th July 2013

Temple Sutton

Very important that you can't distinguish between childcare and children's centre as the two interlink and dovetail.
Centre and childcare come hand in hand. Both work well together.
What will happen to the crèche children if services are not run at the centre?
Where are the people who can actually make a difference – to the views/decisions? They need to be at these meetings.
Have elected councillors got the power to change budgets/or allocated money?
Parents need to contact elected councillors to make budget changes
If it's not about personal preference how are you going to decide which to close?
If parents want to put a question to council they need to go to a meeting. Parents feel St Lukes councillors should be present at their meeting.
Parent struggling with – parenting/behaviour would not be comfortable walking to a different centre ie further away.
Parents feel comfortable approaching familiar children's centre staff and wouldn't access services at each venues.
How will Temple Sutton and Hamstel families fit into just one centre ie 40 families who want to access a course?
Space – parent wants to know who has the most space. Who can expand?
Our centre is unique and is one of the only centres 0-11 years. We can support parents from the start until senior school. Early Intervention!
Children that won't have services will be missed. Who is going to support their learning and development?
I would not have been able to return to work in my 40s without the help of TSCC – using their laptops for finding jobs etc. I am now employed.
Who is responsible for redundancy? Will this have a knock on effect on the school if they have to pay out staff cuts?
Council gives money to SEPT. Parents want to know where that money goes. What services is the money used for.
Parents want to know how the budget has been set. Children's future should be made a priority.

Pots of money - £200 for rowing club. Why not spend this on children's centres.

Budgets – Hamstel provide 80% Health – how is this adjusted as Health is a statutory service?

What will happen to staff? Each organisation employs staff. Conversation about staff displaced. Agreement would be budgets would be spent of staff.

What happens to staffing – whoever the lead body will be would manage – one other person would be made redundant.

What will happen with school classes at Hamstel if their centre stays? They will need to spend money on new classes which is a waste of council money. Parents feel the budget doesn't make sense.

Our area is one of the most deprived and this is a Phase 1 children's centre. What will happen to the families in this area?

Temple Sutton CC is a Phase 1 centre in the most deprived area – so most needed. Hamstel Family Centre is a phase 3 centre – not in the most area of need.

We are Phase 1. Hamstel are Phase 3. Are you now saying we are not the most needy area?

Health: Services will have to continue as they have a statutory agreement to provide basic services ie baby weighing

Children and Young People's Plan 2013-14 – LA not meeting the agreement to provide services in the most needed areas.

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Hamstel

I wouldn't have carried on breastfeeding if it hadn't have been for the support offered here.
Excellent outreach, passionate workers
Have asked to change midwives so that I can attend here.
Lovely people, very friendly and lots to offer!!
Turned away from other centres due to over-subscribing and not enough space to accommodate.
Your centre is lovely, you run lots of activities
Other centres are small
Our local centres don't run activities like this – we don't know what they are running.
It is shameful to consider shutting such an important and needed local service
Please don't shut! x 2