



Have your say on

Proposals for an adult social care Prevention and Wellbeing Grant Fund

Why are we consulting?

The council wants to do as much as it can to prevent people in Leicester from developing social care needs.

This means trying to help people stay independent and in good health, both physically and mentally.

For most of the time, people stay healthy and independent by helping themselves and by getting support from family, friends and the community. In addition, the council helps people by providing universal services such as leisure facilities and neighbourhood services.

However, some people have specific needs, but these needs are not high enough to meet the eligibility criteria for social care support that is set by the government. For these people the council funds social care prevention services to help them reduce, avoid or delay the development of higher levels of need.

The council buys many prevention services from the voluntary and community sector. The voluntary sector has unique strengths in that it is close to communities, often it consists of communities working for themselves. The sector can be very flexible and innovative in understanding people's needs and responding to them effectively.

We want to make more of the ability of the voluntary sector in prevention.

This consultation is about how we do that in the future.

About the consultation

This consultation is intended to find out what people think about our proposals. No decisions have been made at this stage: it is important to us to hear what people think in order to shape the council's way forward in these areas.

The consultation is in two related parts:

- Setting up a new Prevention and Wellbeing Grant Fund (**this survey**)
- Changes to the way we commission existing prevention services (go to **consultations.leicester.gov.uk/communications/ascpreventionservices**)

You are welcome to respond to one or both of the consultations.

Surveys

You can complete either or both of the surveys:

- online at **consultations.leicester.gov.uk** or
- by filling in a paper version and sending it back to us.

If you would like to complete a paper version of either survey you can pick a copy up from a city library, council community centre or customer service centre, or contact us:

- **by email** asconsultations@leicester.gov.uk
- **by phone** 0116 454 2300

Responses to the surveys must reach us by Friday 28 July 2017.

What happens after the consultation?

Both parts of the consultation end on Friday 28 July 2017 and we will provide feedback on the findings on the consultation webpages.

Prevention and Wellbeing Grant Fund

Many voluntary organisations have said that if they had more freedom to identify issues and develop solutions themselves, it would be more effective than the current system.

The proposed new grant fund will mean that voluntary and community sector organisations can bid to provide support for people based on their own ideas and evidence about what is needed and what works, without having to base their proposals on services specified by the council.

Any voluntary sector organisation will be able to bid into the new grant fund, including those who may face reductions as a result of the service changes proposed in our other survey.

We believe that this approach will:

- allow the council to focus its more prescriptive service on those who are most at risk of developing social care needs; and
- give the voluntary and community sector more flexibility to meet needs differently.

You can complete the survey online at **consultations.leicester.gov.uk/communications/ascgrantfund**

Proposed key features of the Prevention and Wellbeing Grant Fund

The grant fund will be aimed at reducing the risk of people age 18 or over from developing needs for adult social care support.

Set out below are some of the key features of the proposed grant fund:

1. The overarching aim of the grant fund will be to enable Leicester's voluntary and community sector to provide activities and services for people who are at risk of developing social care needs.
2. Projects will be targeted at helping people who are at risk of developing social care needs to avoid or delay those needs, to maintain or improve their health and wellbeing, and to live as independently as possible.
3. The grant fund would be launched in 2017, with successful projects starting delivery from April 2018.
4. The overall funding available will be £250,000 a year.
5. Organisations will be able to bid for up to £10,000 per project. Each organisation will be able to make up to three bids for up to three different projects.
6. Bids can be made for funding for either one or two years (2018-19 and 2019-20). If a bid is made for two years, the funding for the second year will be dependent on whether the project met its objectives in the first year.
7. Organisations will be asked how they can make their projects sustainable after council funding ends.
8. Successful organisations will be asked to submit an End of Grant report. This report can include case studies, videos, quotes etc.
9. The council will run an event in 2019 to showcase successful projects and share learning.
10. There will be further rounds of funding in 2019-20 and 2020-21.
11. Decisions on bids will be made by a panel of council officers, supported by people who use social care and preventative services.