

Early help services

Children, young people and families centres

Adventure play



April 2017

This leaflet explains how we plan to make changes to our early help services in the children, young people and families centres, and to the grant funding of adventure play.

What are children, young people and families centres and adventure play?

Children, young people and families centres are places where the council and a range of organisations work together to provide early help services, which support the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-19 and their families, (up to 25 if they have a special educational need and a disability).

Early help services (often known as children's centres, Surestart or family support) are provided at children, young people and families centres, in people's homes and in the community (e.g. schools) and include things such as stay and play, family support and groupwork.

Visit families.leicester.gov.uk for further information (click 'Children's centres').

Adventure play - ten non-council organisations receive funding from the council to help towards the cost of providing supervised play sessions (indoor and outdoor) for children aged 5 to 16.

Changes to early help and adventure play

Between 14 September and 6 December 2016 the council asked people for views on a number of proposed changes to early help services and the grant funding of adventure play (see below for details of who responded).

We looked at what people told us and have made a decision about implementing the proposed changes. Overleaf you will find a summary of the different services and how they will change (some will not).

Further details about changes to services can be found online at consultations.leicester.gov.uk (search for 'early help')

For more information:

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Why is the council making changes to the early help service it funds / provides?

The grant we receive from the government has fallen by almost 50 per cent since 2010 and we need to make further cuts of £55 million by 2019.

This is on top of the £100 million of savings we have already made.

All council departments have been asked to make changes to the way services are delivered in order to provide cost-savings that will help to minimise the impact of the latest government cuts in funding.

Changes to Leicester's children, young people and families centres

Between April 2017 and March 2018 there will be a phased reduction in the number of children, young people and families centres from 23 to 12.

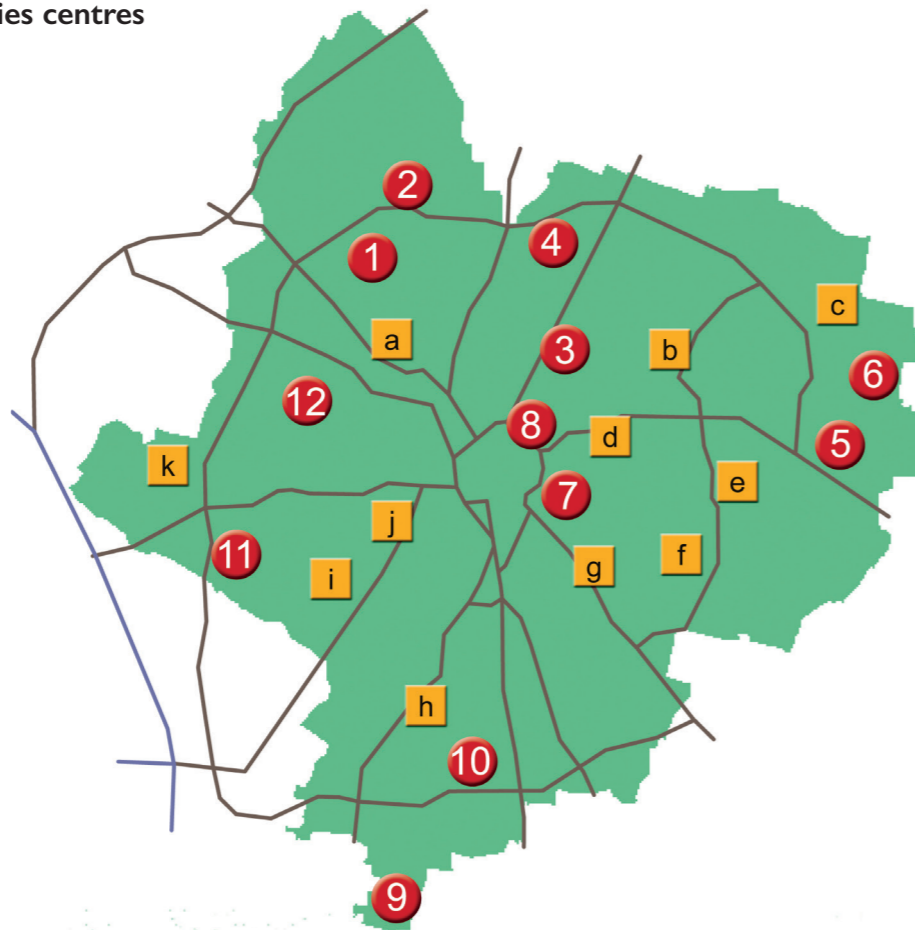
The map on this page shows the 12 buildings that will continue to operate as children, young people and families centres and the 11 buildings that will not.

Children, young people and families centres

- 1 Beaumont Leys / Stocking Farm
- 2 Bewcastle
- 3 Belgrave / Rushey Mead
- 4 Woodbridge
- 5 Thurnby Lodge
- 6 Netherhall
- 7 Highfields
- 8 St Matthews
- 9 Eyres Monsell / Gilmorton
- 10 Saffron
- 11 Braunstone
- 12 New Parks

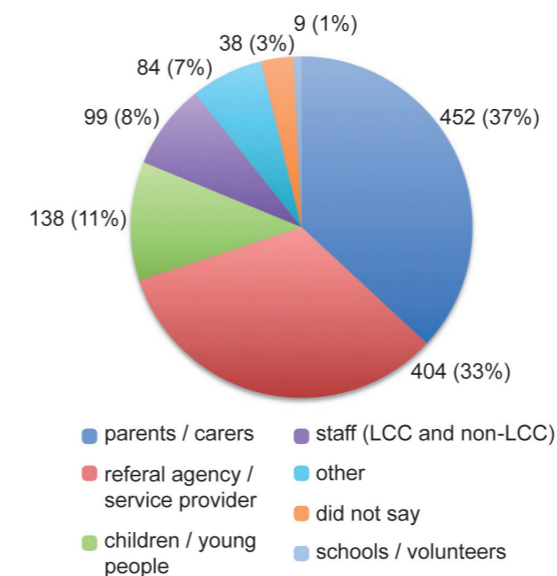
Centres that will close

- a) Avebury Meadows
- b) Northfields / West Humberstone
- c) Hamilton
- d) St Saviours
- e) Rowlatts Hill
- f) North Evington
- g) Mayfield
- h) Landsdowne
- i) Rowley Fields
- j) West End
- k) Braunstone Frith



Who took part in the consultation?

A total of 1,224 people took part in the consultation. The chart below summarises who took part.



Children, young people and families can continue to access services at any remaining centre, (not just their nearest one). You will find a summary of the different services and how they will change overleaf (some will not).

Other services affected

Three frontline support services were also included in the review, but are not included in the table overleaf as they relate to internal council processes:
 Early help response team
 Interface with children's social care
 Partnership and workforce development

Details of the decision concerning these services can be found online: consultations.leicester.gov.uk (search for 'early help' - then click the link at the bottom of the relevant page).

Early Help services from September 2017* may change

Children Centres and Family Support

Current service
 Proposed changes
 Change to proposal as result of consultation feedback

	Current availability	Proposed change	Final decision
Adult and family learning	three courses per week in each of the six cluster areas	no change	no change
Adventure playgrounds	council provides £1.1 million of funding a year	50% reduction in funding over three years by 2020	further analysis will be undertaken before a decision is taken
Advice points	one phone number in each of the six cluster areas	one phone number for the city + access through the centres	same as proposed
Antenatal courses	one course in each cluster at any given time	no change	no change
Bookstart	72 sessions a year Targeted reading initiatives for young children	service to end	service to continue, funded by alternative source to April 2018. Continued funding options are being explored
Children centre teacher service	Targeted learning and development support for pre-school age children	service to end	service to continue, funded by alternative source to April 2018. Continued funding options are being explored
Children, young people and families centres	23 buildings across six clusters	reduce to 12 (two buildings in each of the six clusters)	same as proposal
Creches	childcare for parents accessing adult and family learning, domestic violence support, and parenting groups	no change	no change
Domestic violence support group	one course running in each of the six cluster areas	no change	no change
Early years, education, learning and development sessions	four sessions per week in each of the six cluster areas	reduce to three sessions a week in each of the six cluster areas*	as proposed, with flexibility to deliver a third session as stay and play
Family support service	targeted support for all families	available to families that meet eligibility criteria*	same as proposed
Family support service (traded with schools)	for all families attending schools who purchase this service	no change	development of a citywide traded family support team (in place of the current cluster based teams)
Healthy child programme (HCP)	universal health visiting and school nursing services, co-located in CYPF centres	no change	no change
Home learning service	Child learning and development support in the home	early help service in the home to end (HCP will undertake this as part of their remit)	same as proposed
Parenting groups	two sessions per week in each of the six cluster areas	one session per week in each of the six cluster areas *	same as proposed
Parenting programmes and annual events	Nine courses across the city each year	no change	course content may change to respond to need and demand *
School holiday activities	annual programme of events and two activities per week during school holidays (0-8 year olds)	annual programme of events and one activity per week during school holidays (0-8 year olds)	as proposed but for 0-12 year olds
Stay and play	five sessions per week in each of the six cluster areas	two sessions per week in each of the six cluster areas	two sessions (co-delivered with healthy child programme with flexibility for three)
Toy and book library	one in each of the city's 23 children's centres	one in each of the city's 2 children's centres	same as proposed
Volunteer / community development sessions	two activities per week in each of the six cluster areas	one activity a week in each of the six cluster areas	will continue but exploring options to deliver projects as part of a citywide team
Weekly parent engagement activity	weekly in each of the six cluster areas	fortnightly in each of the six cluster areas	parent involvement in decision making delivered as part of everyday practice
Welfare rights service	free welfare rights advice in each of the six cluster areas (for all families)	service to end (no longer accessible to all)	funding reduced by 40% *

* available to families who meet eligibility criteria

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