

Notes for Completing the OCC Consultation

Our easy guide to filling in a consultation which, with all due respect to the council, seems a little less than easy to navigate!

You don't have to fill out every question but please look at questions 6, 7 & 8.

P1

- 1) Don't be put off if you don't 'fit' a category. This consultation is open to everyone.
- 2) If you use the centres and/or hubs, let them know!

P2

- 3) We are worried that this question will be used to prioritise some centres/hubs over others. You could of course tick all 51 options!

P3

- 4) Let them know what you use and what you value. The comments box could be used to show how these services impact on you if you are not a direct user.
- 5) The real question here is whether any of these venues can replace your local children's centre. Use the comments box to let them know what you think.

P4

- 6) Well this one looks obvious doesn't it? Who could disagree? But try rephrasing it:

"Should we cut services to all children/families and only offer them to those who are already classified as vulnerable?"

Where would that leave those children/families for whom preventative support may make the difference between becoming a "vulnerable" family or not?

Universal services ensure that potentially vulnerable children/families receive the support they need before things become more serious. Comment box 6a might be the ideal place to make this point.

- 7) Is it a good idea to cut all 44 children's centres and 7 early intervention hubs and replace them with 8 "children and family" centres catering for young people aged 0-19 which, according to the council, may or may not provide services for all children & families and outreach support?

We think we know the answer to this one!

P5

- 8) Option 1 – cut your children's centres
Option 2 – cut your children's centres
Option 3 – cut your children's centres
None of the above

Which option are you ticking? (Don't forget to tell them why!)

- 9) Do you think we should cut £8m from the services that support our children?
No. We thought not!

P6

- 10) Which services will you miss? What will the impact be on your community?
11) Can a well-meaning volunteer do the job of a trained professional? Which is best placed to identify and support potential vulnerable families?
12) How will the cut impact on your community?

P7

- 13) Should we be closing all 44 children's centres and 7 early intervention hubs?
Last chance to make the point in case they weren't listening!

After this point, the remaining questions are optional. Give as much or as little detail as you would like but...

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