

The Derbyshire Challenge
Have your say on changing
the Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Services

About this consultation

Derbyshire County Council is facing huge budget cuts and must find ways of saving £157 million by 2018. Reductions in Government grants, inflation and greater demands on our budget for adult social care and vulnerable children mean we must re-think the way we deliver services.

It means some services will remain, some will run differently and some services will have to stop. We don't want to cut any services but we do not have any choice.

One of the areas where we are proposing to make cuts is housing-related support services.

This questionnaire is one way in which you can tell us what you think about the proposed changes. Alternatively, you can contact our helpline on: 01629 533365 or email your comments to telladultcare@derbyshire.gov.uk.

For more information about the changes please use the fact sheet included with this questionnaire or you can view it online - please go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge

What we are proposing

We are proposing to make £6million of cuts over the next two years from the Housing Related Support Programme. This questionnaire is about one of the services affected.

The Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service is delivered by iDecide.

This service provides information, advice, support and practical help for older people who are living in poor or unsuitable housing and/or are considering options for moving on or changing their home to a different type of accommodation. The service is available to anyone over the age of 50 who is vulnerable or to anybody of any age who is the main carer of an older person. Up to 300 people can use its service every year.

The proposal is to stop funding the Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service from Spring 2015 when the contract ends, which would be a budget saving of £197,426 each year.

How to complete this questionnaire

You can complete the paper questionnaire or fill it in online. Please go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge

- Please put a tick in the box by your answer ☒ and some questions will ask you to write in a box, please write clearly.
- This questionnaire is anonymous. The number in the top left-hand corner tells us which survey it is and is computer generated. It does not link to the individual or person replying.

Please complete this questionnaire and return to us by
Tuesday 18 November 2014

Housing-Related Support Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service.

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1. Have you used or are you using the Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service?**Please tick ☒ one box**☐ Yes☐ No**2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal to stop funding the Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service?****Please tick ☒ one box**☐ Strongly agree☐ Agree☐ Neither agree nor disagree☐ Disagree☐ Strongly disagree**3. If you would like to comment about this proposal and how it might impact on your life, if it went ahead, please write in the box below.**

Housing- Related Support Derbyshire Older People's Housing Options Service.

4. Do you have any other ideas of how the county council's adult care services could save money? Please include anything where you feel that we are duplicating something another organisation is doing. Please write in the box below.

Did you have help to fill in the questionnaire?

5. Did you have any help from someone else to complete this questionnaire?

Please tick ☒ one box

- ☐ No, I did not have help
- ☐ I had help from a care worker
- ☐ I had help from someone living in my household
- ☐ I had help from someone living outside my household

About you

The answers to the next group of questions will be used to get a picture of who took part in this survey and so will help us to represent your views.

6. Are you Male or Female?

Please tick ☒ one box

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

7. Please write your postcode in the box below.

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8. Which is your age group?

Please tick ☒ one box

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 85 and above | |

9. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

Please tick ☒ **as many boxes as apply.**

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, affecting mobility
- ☐ Yes, affecting hearing
- ☐ Yes, affecting vision
- ☐ Yes, a learning disability
- ☐ Yes, mental ill-health
- ☐ Yes, another form of disability, please specify

10. To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

Please tick ☒ **one box**

- ☐ White (British, Irish, Gypsy or Traveller or any other white background)
- ☐ Mixed (White & Black Caribbean, White & Black African, White & Asian, or any other mixed background)
- ☐ Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background)
- ☐ Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, or any other Black background)
- ☐ Any other ethnic group - Please state

11. What is your sexuality?

Please tick ☒ **one box**

- ☐ Heterosexual / Straight
- ☐ Lesbian or Gay woman
- ☐ Gay man
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Others - please State

12. What best describes your relationship with the council's adult care services?

Please tick ☒ **as many boxes as apply.**

- ☐ Client or service user
- ☐ Carer (unpaid carer)
- ☐ Staff (paid carer)
- ☐ Other - Please state

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

Your answers will be treated as confidential: they will not be passed on to anyone providing you with services.

Please post it back to us in the envelope provided.
You don't need to put a stamp on the envelope.

**For your views to count please return this form before the
18 November 2014.**

The outcome of the consultation will be reported to
Cabinet in February 2015.

The county council's Cabinet will also be provided with an Equality Impact Analysis detailing how the proposals will affect vulnerable groups.

These reports will be available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk