

APPENDIX 2

Children's Centres Programme Re-shaping

Consultation Process

Consultation has been undertaken across all 19 children's centres using a variety of methods including:

- Briefing and feedback session with each Advisory Board
- Briefing and feedback session with Parent/carer forums
- Face to face consultation with families who attend activities at the centres during the consultation period by children's centre staff
- Display at each children's centre outlining the changes and asking for feedback
- Briefing of Lead Health Visitors at their regular team meeting
- Direct contact with parents registered at the centre via email/letter
- Two briefings for Children and Families SMT (29.09.10, 26.01.11)
- Briefing for Integrated programme Board (17.03.11)

Summary of Consultation Feedback

There has been widespread support for the proposed changes and a consensus view that the changes make sense. Furthermore, there has been support for and acknowledgement of the continued commitment to needs led service delivery across a wide range of venues and locations.

The only issue that had caused some discussion and debate is what the merged centres should be called. It is proposed that further time is allowed for each local area to find a name that all parties can agree on.

In some areas, small tweaks to the proposed footprints have been suggested. In all these changes have been accommodated.

Some questions have been asked about the larger footprints but reassurance has been given that the footprint is only really for data collection purposes and that the staffing model remains the same and will continue to support outreach, needs led services in the same way that it does now.

The following consultation events were held across the children's centres during February and March 2011.

Children's Centre	Meeting	Date
Sandbach/Alsager	Advisory Board	18/02/2011
Mablins	Advisory Board	25/03/2011
	Special meeting focus on consultation	07/03/2011
	Parents Evening	15/03/2011
Congleton	Advisory Board	23/03/2011
Middlewich and Holmes Chapel	Advisory Board	28/01/2011
Monks Coppenhall	Advisory Board	22/03/2011
Nantwich	Advisory Board	08/03/2011
& Nantwich Rural	Parent Forum	04/03/2011
Pebble Brook	Advisory	15th March
	Parent Forum	25/02/2011
Shavington	Advisory Board	03/03/2011
	Parent Forum	10/02/2011
Underwood West	Advisory board	03/03/2011
	Parent Forum	02/03/2011
Ash Grove	Advisory Board	17/02/2011
	Parent Forum	25/01/2011 during stay and play
Broken Cross	Advisory Board	10/03/2011
& Henbury, Prestbury & Upton	Parent Forums	End of the weekly stay and play session
Hurdsfield	Advisory Board	16/03/2011
	Parent Forum	Via Advisory Board and groups
Knutsford	Advisory Board	16/03/2011
	Parent Forum	26/01/2011
Oakenclough	Advisory Board	01/03/2011
	Parents Matters	18/02/2011
Poynton	Advisory Board	06/04/2011
	Parents Group	13/01/2011
Wilmslow and Alderley Edge		Covered by Oakenclough