

Adult Wellbeing and Prevention Services Review – information for people using services and their family members or carers

What is happening?

North Yorkshire County Council is looking at how it can make best use of some of the funding it uses to help adults in North Yorkshire stay well and independent in their local communities.

This funding is currently used to provide the following types of support and activities, which are mostly used by older people:

- **Information and advice**
Including information on benefits and guiding people to helpful services.
- **Help for people who are isolated or lonely**
Including befriending schemes, and social activities and outings.
- **Supporting people to stay independent in their own homes**
Including support with shopping and daily living

We know how highly valued community Wellbeing and Prevention services and activities are, and we plan to continue investing in prevention support at a time when the Council has to look at making significant savings.

We have already been talking to local organisations about how we can continue to make best use of the money available. The Council is now running a consultation on how we should prioritise the funding available for support and activities, and how these can be delivered best. **The consultation is running from the 28th November 2017 to the 15th January 2018.**

Information about how you can get involved in the consultation is available from the review webpage at <http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/wellbeingpreventionreview>.

Following the consultation the Council is legally required to undergo a competitive purchasing exercise for some of the contracts it holds with organisations to provide Wellbeing and Prevention support on its behalf.

What will this mean for the support or activities I use?

There are no immediate changes planned to support or activities because of this work, but we are thinking about different ways we can support voluntary groups.

If there are going to be any changes to the support or activities you or someone you care for uses because of this, we will contact you to let you know before this happens after the Council's purchasing exercise is finished in 2018.

If you have any questions about this please speak to a member of staff at your local support organisation in the first instance.

If you would like to tell us anything that you feel the Council may need to take into account if there are any changes to local wellbeing and prevention support or services, please can you contact the Health and Adult Services Commissioning Team at:

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