Proposal:

To move children’s centre services from Sandy Lane Children’s Centre, Orford to Capesthorne Road, Orford.

There are two reasons for this suggestion:

1. The needs of families in Warrington are changing so council services need to change too.
2. The council is reviewing all its services and buildings it operates from, to ensure we make the best use of resources available.

Background:

Sure Start Children’s Centres bring together a range of services for families with children aged 0-5 years. These can include:

- Community health services including midwifery and health visiting clinics
- Parenting support from birth to school age
- Early education and learning
- Information, advice and guidance
- Support to return to work
- Family support at times of need

The early help division is the part of the council that includes children’s centres.

Once children reach the age of five support for the family often transfers to other teams in the early help division. Other teams that support children 0-19 include youth service, family outreach, common assessment framework, early years and complex families.

Sometimes contact between the different teams and one family overlap, meaning two or more teams can have contact with the same family. The family then need to visit different buildings and speak to several different professionals, which can be difficult for them to manage and wastes time.

Our plan is to create a family hub that offers services for children aged 0-19 in one place. Families would benefit from seeing familiar faces all the way through their child’s development, rather than having to go to somewhere different depending on the age of each of their children.

Sandy Lane Children’s Centre is near to two other council buildings that offer early help to families, these are The Orchard Children’s Centre and Orford Youth Base.

As Orford Youth Base, on Capesthorne Road is much bigger than Sandy Lane Children’s Centre it makes sense to use this building more efficiently and move the children’s centre services there. We are not proposing any change to services at The Orchard Children’s Centre.

We plan to make more family hubs across the town so that families can get the support they need more easily.
What do you think about the proposal?

We have developed a short questionnaire to ask whether you think moving Sandy Lane Children’s Centre services to Capesthorne Road is a good idea.

Feedback

You can tell us what you think in a number of ways.

1) Online: www.warrington.gov.uk/consultation
2) Email: childrenscentreconsultation@warrington.gov.uk
3) Fill in: a questionnaire at your local children’s centre
4) Talk to us:
   We will be at Sandy Lane Children’s Centre
   Tuesday 19 January 9.30am - 11.00am
   Monday 1 February 1.00pm - 2.30pm
   Thursday 4 February 6pm - 7.30pm

This consultation runs from 13 January 2016 until midnight 10 February 2016.

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