

FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE CONSULTATION
REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

1 Introduction

In March 2017 Council approved the concept of locality working. The Director of Social Care and Health has led this review of the current Children's Centre and Family Centre offer, delivery points and associated funding.

The approach taken in developing the proposals was to enable people to have a say and a role in how we achieve the change or suggest alternative solutions. In developing the proposals for consultation Officers have endeavoured to identify the impact on the community of Sefton through the consultation seeking to better understand the impact identifying potential mitigating actions.

The proposal for developing a Family Wellbeing service is part of a wider transformation process relating to Early Intervention and Prevention –Locality Working – an integrated approach to multi-agency working. The proposal takes account of the fact that parents are children's first and most enduring educators. Building the capability and capacity of parents and family members to support themselves and support one another is central to our proposed approach

The Director of Social Care & Health held internal working groups and conducted a number of meetings with Head teachers to develop a draft strategic approach.

2 Key Results

In order to ensure that people are influencing decisions which affect them a consultation commenced on 25th September 2017 and closed on 17th November 2017. In developing the approach to consultation schools and partners based within Family and Children's centres were notified that the consultation would take place, with centre managers coproducing the questionnaire and all aspects of consultation. As with other changes that impact on the community the Council has adopted a collaborative approach. Through this consultation the Council has sought to further improve its understanding of the impact associated with the proposals, the desired outcomes and associated risks.

The consultation asked about the proposal to develop three Family Wellbeing Centres, with complementary centres.

The intention of the consultation was to provide:

- Sufficient information for those being consulted to form a considered view on the matters on which they are being consulted
- A tailored consultation process to the scale of the changes
- A clear account of the views of those who use Family Centres and Children's Centres and the broader community which can be taken into account when re-designing the service
- Access for those who have more difficulty to give views but wish to do so
- Adequate time for those wishing to respond to have the opportunity to do so

The consultation included groups who may not currently use the centres and those who are seldom heard, these include:

- Young parents

- Families from minority ethnic groups
- Disabled parents
- Parents of disabled children / children with SEN
- Travellers
- People who have difficulty reading, writing or speaking English
- Parents on low income
- Groups such as 'Making a difference'; New Beginnings; Chameleons and Buddy Up.

The methods were supported by a number of tools, including:

- A maintained webpage
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Social media
- Press & Media briefings
- Radio
- Posters
- Easy read questionnaires
- Translated questionnaires (Polish, Latvian and Lithuanian)

The schedule of consultation and engagement was as follows:

| Date 2017 | Activity |
|----------------|--|
| 15th September | Public Engagement & Consultation Panel papers published |
| 22nd September | Public Engagement & Consultation Panel |
| 25th September | Consultation commences |
| 26th September | Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) |
| 17th November | Public Engagement and consultation closes |
| 20th November | Analysis of responses takes place |
| 5th December | Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) |
| 7th December | Cabinet Consider recommendations |

Listening to the communities of Sefton is critical in the decision making process. Regardless of how people are engaged, it's important to understand that listening involves more than just hearing the words that are directed at the Council. The Council has actively listened and understood people's views in this consultation considered and assessed the feedback and the recommendations later in the Cabinet report reflect what has been heard.

Reponses have been analysed and taken into account. Findings from the evaluation will form part of the considerations in implementing the new funding formula and operational changes.

Consultation key points and responses:

1. There were 1662 responses to the questionnaire and not all answered every question, of these
 - a. 71% (the largest group) were from parents and/or carers
 - b. 3% of respondents were from children with caring responsibilities
2. There was a good return from every centre with the highest returns from Linaker (by far); First Steps and Seaforth, of these:
 - a. 57% used their Children Centres weekly
 - b. The highest percentage walked to their centre 50%, closely followed by use of a car 33%
3. In answering the question of what activities are used regarding health and wellbeing, key responses were:
 - a. Child development 19%; vitamin collection 13% and emotional wellbeing 9%
 - b. Other responses stating popular key activities being accessed at Family and Children centres are detailed in the consultation report and include, well baby clinic; stay and play; baby massage; using the centre as a drop in.
 - c. The feedback highlights a significant amount of health services accessed by the community
4. Regarding the proposed principles for 0-19 Family Wellbeing Centres and the associated proposals, the questionnaire responses, for those that answered, showed that:
 - a. For the principles 80% agreed and 15% disagreed with some or all
 - b. For the proposals to create three Family Wellbeing centres 33% agreed but 63% disagreed
5. Three best activities identified by 542 respondents are:
 - a. 298 (55%) respondents considered stay and play as a vital service
 - b. 129 (24%) people considered family support vital to them
 - c. 63 (9%) people considered breast feeding support one of the top vital health and wellbeing service
6. From the presentations and meetings the key themes raised throughout were the following:
 - a. Getting there is an issue for access to proposed 0-19 Family Wellbeing centres – as the majority walk and the difficulty of using public transport with buggies, plus for those who use their car (second highest mode of travel) parking is seen as an issue.
 - b. Friendship networks have been formed and are vital for support and the community indicated in their responses that they utilise community offers, such as those offered by the voluntary, community and faith sector, at many locations throughout their local neighbourhood
 - c. Some respondents were concerned that the proposed principles are too targeted and they won't be able to utilise the proposed 0-19 Family Wellbeing Centres to access a universal offer.
 - d. Some parts of the community do not wish to travel to another centre that they view as being outside their neighbourhood

- e. There were a number of comments about suitability and disrepair of buildings for a Family Wellbeing centre, including lack of car parking and general appearance.
7. There were a number of additional items submitted, as follows:
- a. Keep Linaker Children's Centre Unchanged and Remaining Open for the Public - petition
 - b. Linaker – Save our only Children's Centre - petition
 - c. Seaforth children centre petition
 - d. One unnamed centre petition but with Southport postcodes
 - e. A number of letters from the community and employees
 - f. E-petition to keep Children's Centre unchanged
 - g. Letter from Hope Baptist Church
 - h. Letters with personal stories from a number of parents
 - i. Pack of information from Thornton with case studies and statistics with regard to SEN
 - j. A number video clips and presentations from the community

Note that 42 questionnaires were returned and 1 petition submitted after the consultation closing date. These have been accepted

Conclusion:

Feedback from the presentations and discussions and subsequent question and answer sessions at the centres with service users and the community, at specifically organised events proved informative and stimulated a number of questions. This gave everybody an opportunity to understand more and be able to express their views.

There is a clear indication that people support the principles proposed for a 0-19 Family Wellbeing service, however, it is also clear that people do not want changes to location and activities currently on offer at the existing centres, some key reasons cited include:

- a. Transport is an issue for access to proposed 3 Family Wellbeing centres – as the majority walk.
- b. Friendship networks have been formed and are vital for support – these will be disrupted.
- c. Many parents are concerned that the proposed principles are too targeted and they won't be able to utilise the proposed Family Wellbeing centres for universal activities.
- d. Some parts of the community do not wish to travel to another centre that they view as being outside their neighbourhood
- e. Difference in use of Family and Children centres causes concern as activities are very different and some people feel nervous and concerned.

People and professionals both responded concerning their own situation and centres. There was anxiety around whether or not they would be able to attend an integrated Family Wellbeing centre away from their usual centre.

At this stage service users and professionals were not provided with information on what exact activities would be provided at each main centre and complementary centre. An

anxiety therefore is naturally expected as shown in that there was strong support with 84% of people agreeing with the principles but not the creation of three Family Wellbeing centres with complementary bases with 65% disagreeing.

3. The Consultation and Engagement Process

What were the aims of the consultation and engagement process?

The main aims and purpose of the consultation and engagement process were:

- To provide information to the people who currently utilise family and children centres, also local people and communities, service providers, and staff on the potential changes. Also linking in the challenges facing the Council in seeking to create 3 Family Wellbeing centres against the issues faced by the Council with a reducing budget.
- To assist the people who currently use the centres, also local people and communities and staff to give us their views on how the change can achieve the proposals as described within the questionnaires and engagement events.
- To engage with other specific groups such as minority groups and those who speak another language than English and users of the centres who have difficulty understanding, to get their views on the proposal, all the changes and seek views on alternative options.

What we did and why

There was a wide range of methods utilised as part of this consultation to ensure that all interested parties could exercise their views. The range of methods used included:

- Meetings with specific minority groups assisted by the VCF networks.
- Meetings and workshops with professionals and professional bodies.
- Engagement events at Children Centres to provide face to face information, engage in a Q&A session and provide advice and support to service users.
- Communication with head teachers, governors and advisory boards to invite them for discussions on any alternative suggestions.
- Responding to individuals requests for 1 to 1 meetings and discussions.
- Responding to written correspondence and emails.
- Making available a helpline and responding to all enquiries.
- Specific engagement events at other sites outside of the centres such as Sefton Carers Centre.
- Extensive use of media such as:
 - A dedicated web page
 - Use of twitter and Facebook
 - Press releases

- Radio

Specific measures were taken to ensure that people who have additional needs such as English as a Second Language, Learning Disability (for example) could exercise their voice and influence the outcomes of the consultation process.

The methods were supported by a number of approaches/tools, which included the following:

- Easy Read questionnaire, letters and documentation available
- Questionnaires in other languages (Latvian; Lithuanian and Polish were used as requested)
- Question and answers updated continually and made available on the webpage
- Press & Media briefings.

The targeted audience were:

- Users of Family and Children centres
- The wider community
- Young parents
- Families from minority ethnic groups
- Disabled parents
- Parents of disabled children / children with SEN
- Traveller community
- People who have difficulty reading, writing or speaking English
- Parents on low income

To ensure that the consultation was robust, fair and unbiased and to provide as much independent support and advice for the service user and carer as possible, the Children and Family centre managers were also part of a working group taking the consultation forward.

How did we engage?

As the changes mainly affected those currently using Children Centres and potential future users, they were subject to a targeted consultation and considered a priority. As it would be a subject of general interest to tax payers, we also made available, within reasonable resource constraints, the opportunity for the public to comment either via Sefton's website or questionnaires located in centres, libraries and leisure centres. This option was advertised through Sefton Council's main webpage and on Twitter/Facebook.

The key method of engagement was by face to face meetings at all the Children Centres and the availability of hardcopies of the questionnaires at all centres and the advertised questionnaire on the Council's website for all to complete. Meetings were also held at various other venues and groups of people such as|:

- Making a Difference group
- Sefton Carers
- New beginnings
- Young Advisors
- Young Carers
- Chameleons
- Buddy Up
- Travellers

Media

The Council issued a media release to inform of the start of the launch of the consultation on 15th September and proactively sent another one out on 13th October highlighting the face-to-face sessions taking place at various centres.

In terms of direct media enquiries, the Council received two. The first was from the Liverpool Echo over concerns of Bootle residents having to travel to Waterloo for services and one from the Southport Champion following a media release issued by concerned residents and users.

Sandgrunder Radio made an enquiry and the Council issued a statement which was read out on air. The Council also proactively highlighted the consultation in a live interview on Sandgrunder Radio on 24th October with Cllr John Joseph Kelly speaking with presenter Neil Newton.

Further enquiries were received by the Southport Champion and Southport Visitor. We also responded proactively to On The Spot News Webpage on at least two occasions following articles and comments that appeared online. This resulted in separate articles with our comments being published on the news/blog site.

The collation of the social media responses showed that:

- Facebook: The Council reached, potentially, 27,814 people, & 585 people visited the consultation link because of Facebook
- Twitter 7,383 reached, 28 consultation visits

Service User Events

In addition to the questionnaires, the Director of Social Care and Health visited all of the children centres. The Director gave a presentation and led a good discussion in the consultation, covering the proposals followed by a question and answer session.

The children centres visited were as follows:

Litherland Children's Centre – 18th October
Seaforth Children's Centre – 20th October & 10th November
Netherton Children Centre – 20th October
Waterloo Children's Centre – 27th October
Freshfield Children's Centre – 1st November
Linaker Children's Centre – 6th November
Cambridge Children's centre – 7th November
First Steps (Kingsmeadow and Farnborough) Children's Centre – 8th November
Hudson Children's Centre – 8th November
Springwell Children's Centre – 13th November
Thornton Children's Centre – 15th November

The full transcript of the questions and answers can be found in the background documents

Meetings/events with other interested parties:

There were a number of meetings and discussions throughout the Borough during the consultation period. This was a mix of adding agenda items on to existing meetings, providing information on the consultation and also attending meetings and events that were being held specifically about the consultation – these are listed below.

Netherton Advisory Board (pre-consultation briefing) – 19th September
Children Centre and Family Centre Managers – Fortnightly throughout consultation period
Springwell Head teacher – 3rd October
Freshfield Head teacher – 4th October
Waterloo Head teacher, Governors and Advisory Board – 29th September, 9th October & 9th November
Linaker Governors and Advisory Board – 11th October
Head Teachers meeting – 18th October
Head Teachers Kingsmeadow and Farnborough – 18th October
Making a Difference Group – 25th October
Buddy up group 12-17 year olds – November
0-19 North West Boroughs – 30th October
Sefton Parent Carers Forum – 7th November
Sefton Carers – 16th November
Clinical Commissioning Group – Various dates throughout consultation period

Other materials received and included within the consultation analysis:

- a. Keep Linaker Children's Centre Unchanged and Remaining Open for the Public – Petition with 207 signatures
- b. Southport Petition – Stop Cutting the funding from our local heroes, listen to the community, we NEED the Children's Centres – signed by 520 signatures

- c. E-petition – statement and Justification from Linaker Children’s Centre
- d. Linaker – Save our Only Children’s Centre – Petition with 220 signatures
- e. Linaker - untitled – Petition with 34 signatures
- f. Seaforth children centre - We Need it and So Do our Kids – Petition with 199 signatures
- g. Springwell Children’s Centre – Springwell Park Children’s Centre is a very special place where all are valued in a caring and supportive environment. It is the heart of our community, we are in threat of our centre closing, please help by signing this petition not only for our children but for our families – Petition with 268 signatures
- h. One unnamed centre petition but with Southport postcodes
- i. A number of letters from the community and employees
- j. Letter from Hope Baptist Church – A letter expressing views that Cambridge Rd Children’s Centre should not be turned into a satellite centre. In turn, they have contacted the local MP (letter not seen)

Letters with personal stories from a number of parents and community members

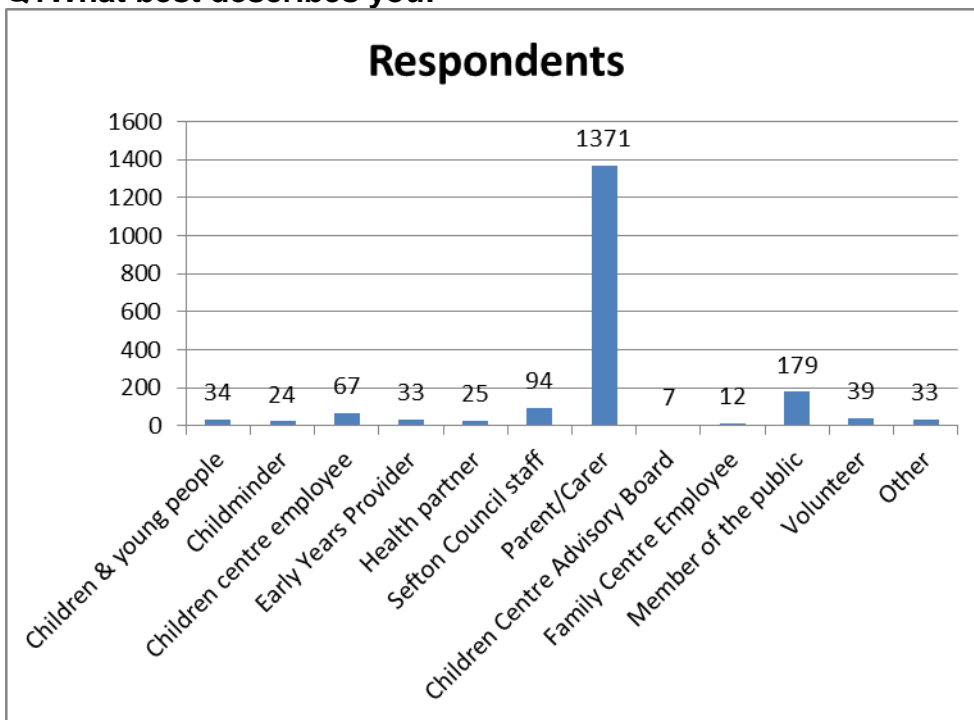
- a. Letter from parent about the invaluable support received by Cambridge Children’s Centre
- b. Letter from parent about the invaluable support received by Hudson’s Children’s Centre
- c. Letter from parent about the invaluable support received by Waterloo Children’s Centre
- d. Letter from parent about the invaluable support received by Litherland Children’s Centre
- e. Letter from 104 parents at Litherland Children’s Centre with comments on personal experiences and maintaining services as they are
- f. Pictures of children at Cambridge Children’s Centre enjoying themselves
- g. Comments and suggestions from Seaforth Parents Forum Group
- h. Letter from parent who attends Cambridge Children’s Centre describing the assistance and support given

- i. Letter from parent attending Seaforth Children's Centre praising help given by Children's Centre and Family Support Worker
- j. Presentation from Cambridge Children's Centre
- k. Letter from constituent received by Bootle MP, Peter Dowd
- l. Video clips depicting inspirational parent stories from Children's Centres
- m. Letter from Damian Moore MP to Cllr Kelly concerning the closure
- n. Letter and questions from a professional regarding the proposals
- o. Email from a member of the community to Cllr Kelly regarding Linaker Children's Centre
- p. An image from Netherton Children's Centre advertising the consultation
- k. Pack of information from Thornton with case studies and statistics with regard to SEN - A pictorial description of activities enjoyed by the children accessing Thornton Children's Centre
- l. A number video clips and presentations from the community
- m. There have been a number of alternative proposals submitted by schools, centres and members of the public. These have given the Council additional useful suggestions and have been considered, however they, for the most, did not consider borough wide need nor provide the equity that a funding methodology provides. This will be examined during the ongoing negotiations with head teacher and governing bodies.

The submitted letters and petitions do contain personal information i.e. names and addresses. For this reason they are not replicated in this report, but are available for Cabinet inspection as required.

The results from the questionnaires are as follows:

Q1What best describes you:



By far the largest group was parents and carers (1371) and then members of the public (179).

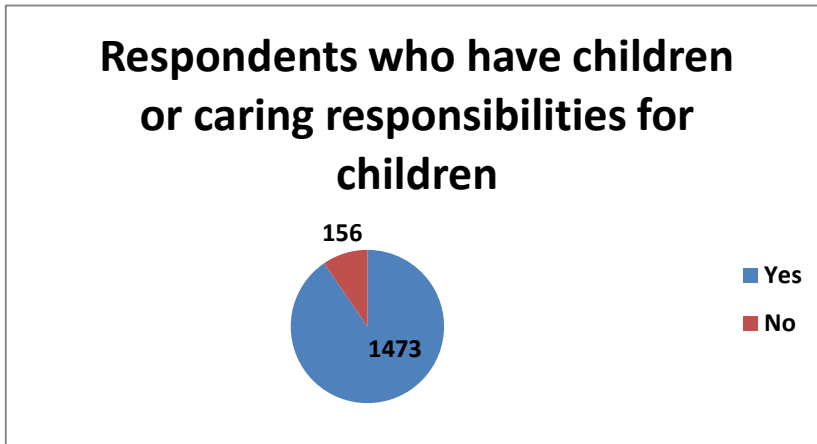
Q2: What is your post code?

Postcodes and numbers responding

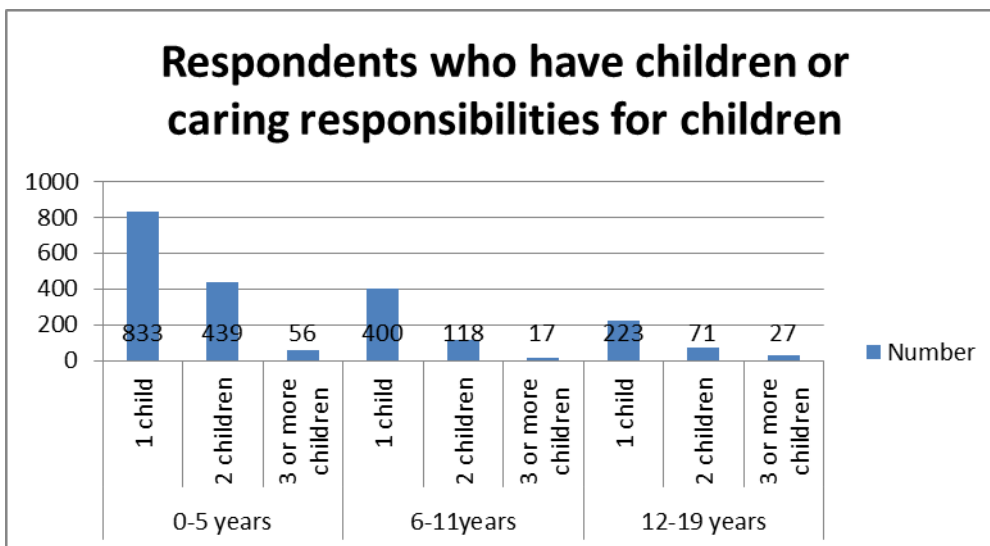
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| CA16 | 1 | CH43 | 2 | LU7 | 1 |
| L10 | 27 | L12 | 2 | L13 | 1 |
| L14 | 1 | L15 | 2 | L16 | 2 |
| L20 | 218 | L21 | 158 | L22 | 74 |
| L23 | 113 | L25 | 1 | L29 | 2 |
| L30 | 105 | L31 | 133 | L37 | 93 |
| L38 | 5 | L39 | 1 | L4 | 14 |
| L6 | 2 | L9 | 22 | PR8 | 446 |
| PR9 | 175 | voids | 3 | WN8 | 1 |
| L32 | 2 | PT8 | 2 | CH42 | 1 |
| L1 | 1 | L7 | 1 | L8 | 1 |

This shows the all areas within the centre reach have had a response, with a heavy weighting where the centres are.

Q3a: Do you have any children and/or caring responsibility for any children:

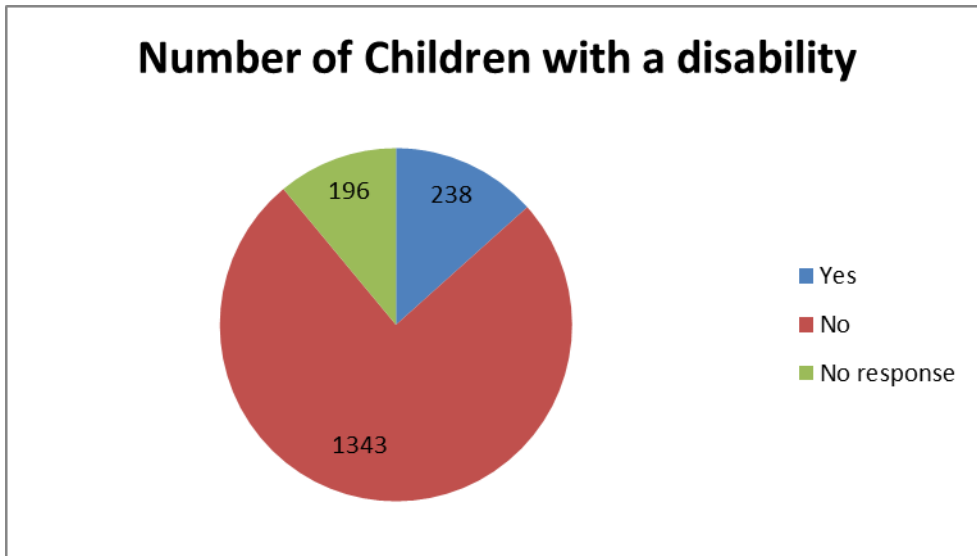


Q3b: How many of those children you care for are aged 0-5; 6-11 and 12-19



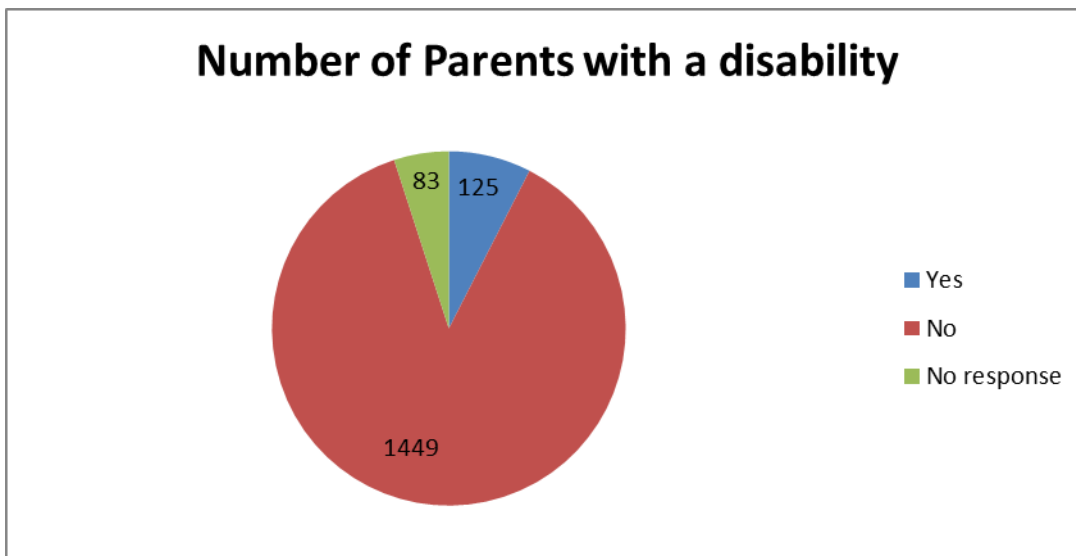
The highest responders in total were from the 0-5 age group, indicating that from the respondents they have a strong interest in a Children's Centre.

Q3c: Do any of your children have a disability, and type:



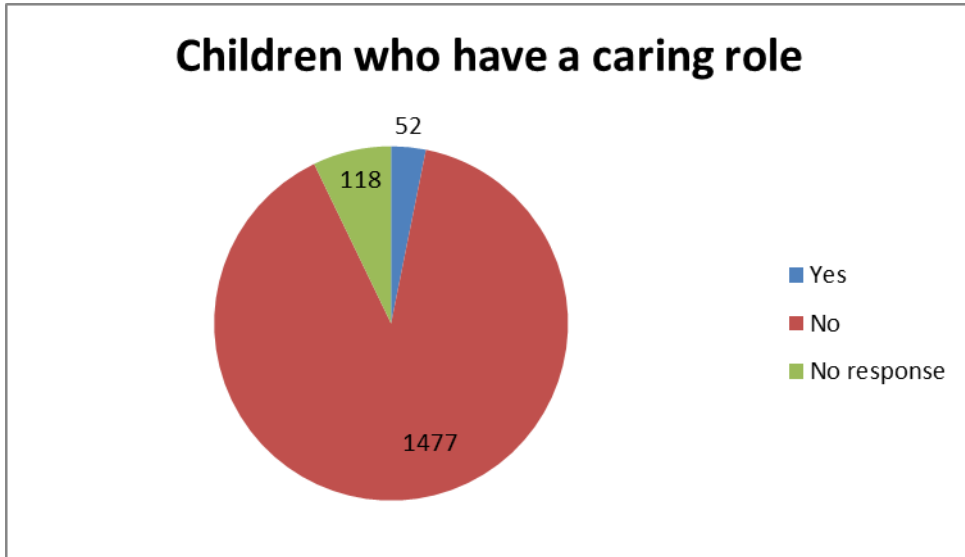
The results above indicate that a high proportion of children accessing either a Children's Centre or Family Centre have a disability

Q3d - Parents with a disability:



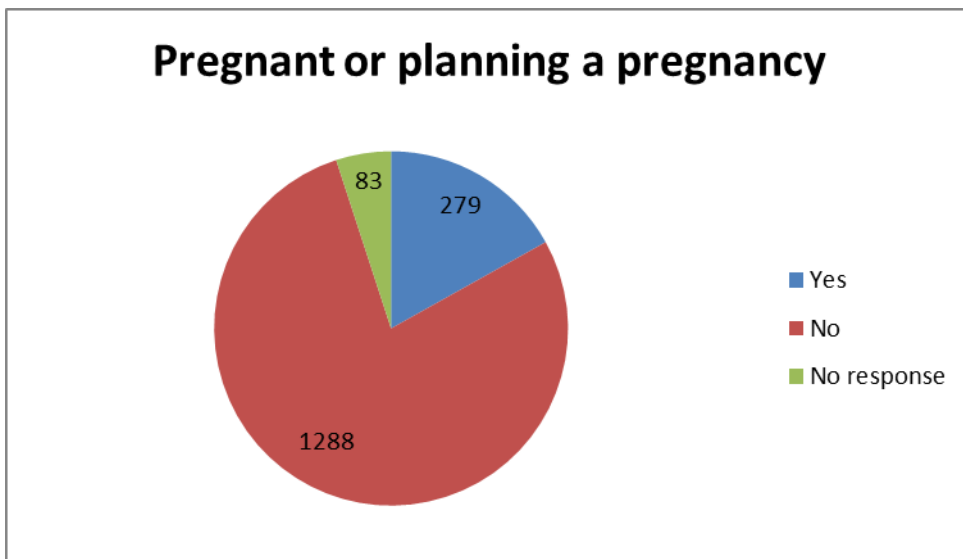
Indication from respondents show that 8% of parents has a disability

Q3e: Do any of your children have a caring role?

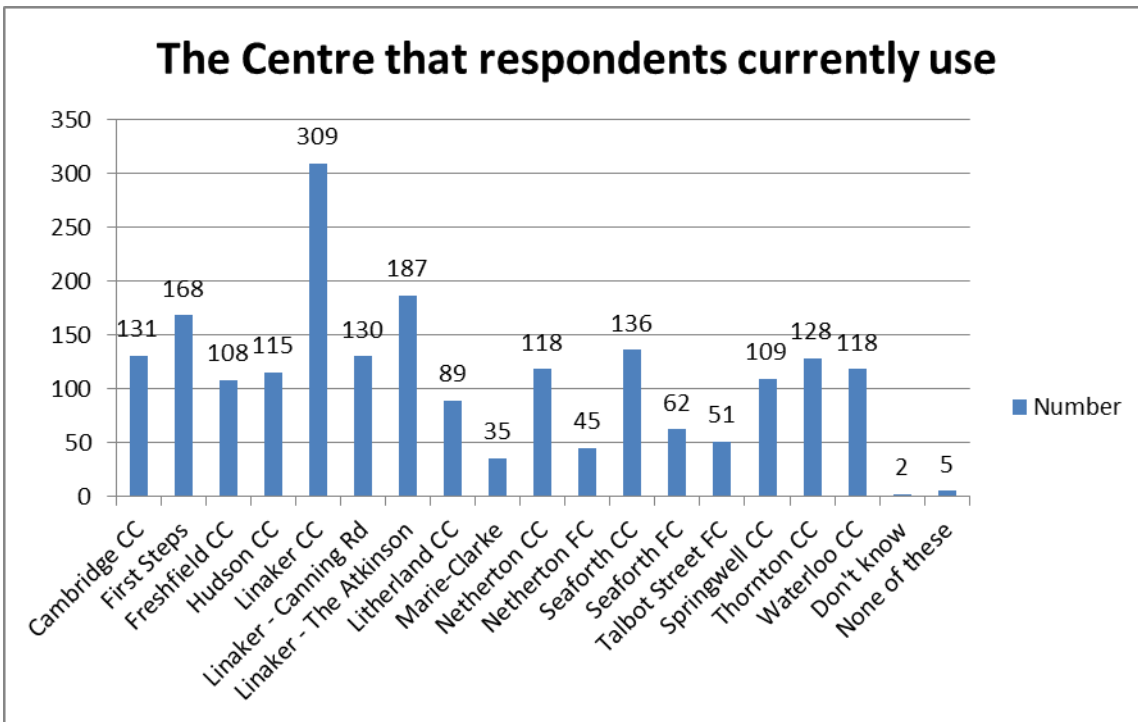


3% of respondents stated that their child has a caring role

Q4: Are you or your partner pregnant or planning to become pregnant:

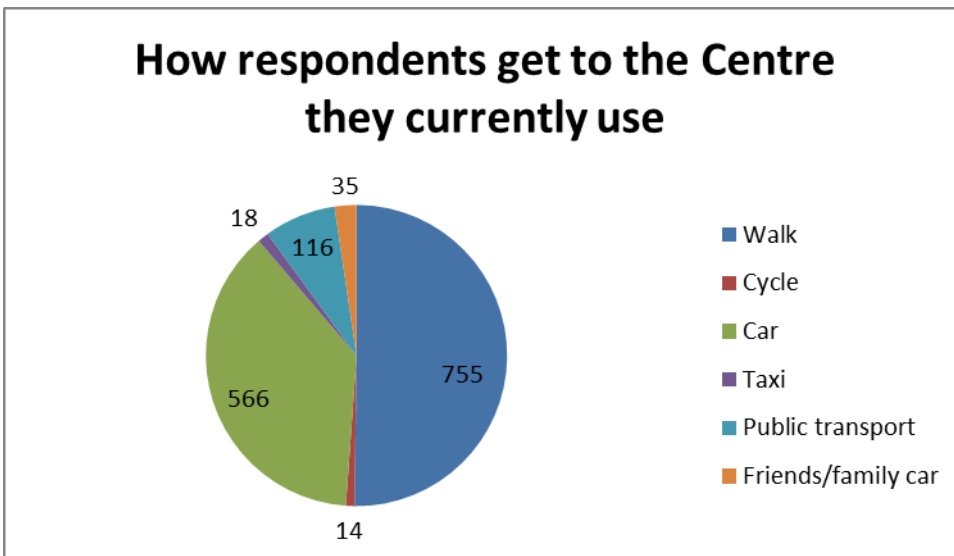


Q5a: Do you use a children and/or a family centre, which one?



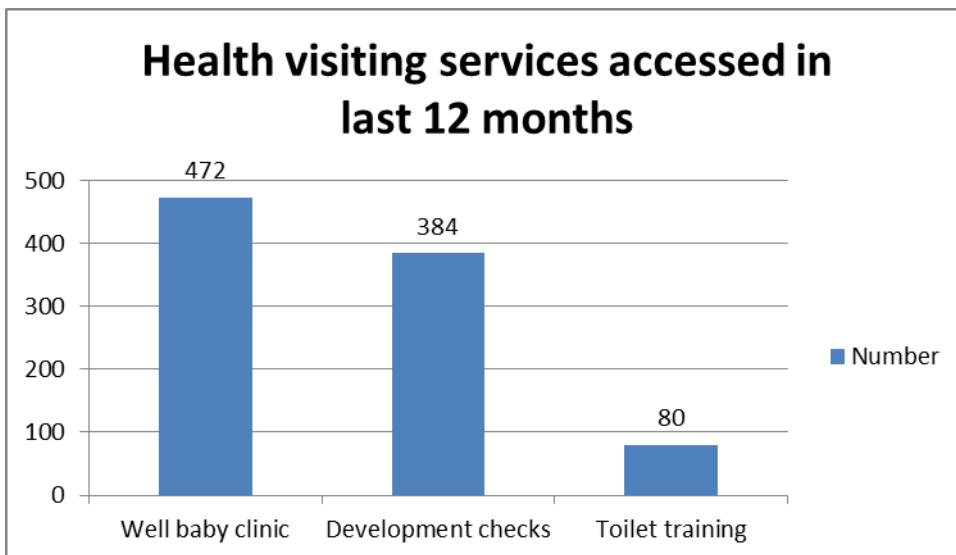
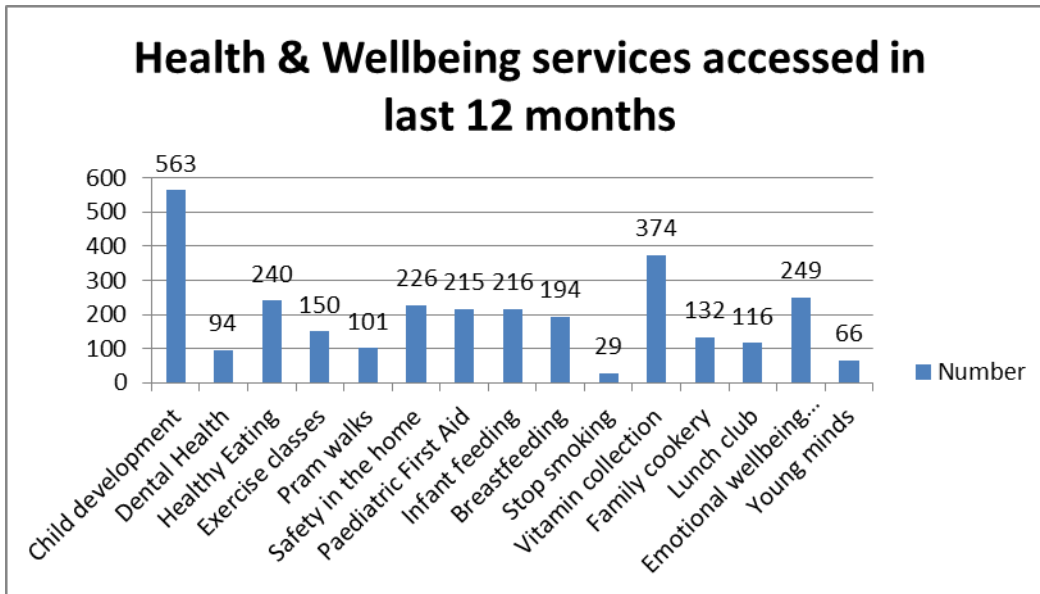
Of the respondents 27%, by far the highest accessed Linaker Children’s Centre. However responses were made from every Centre

Q5b: How do you get there?

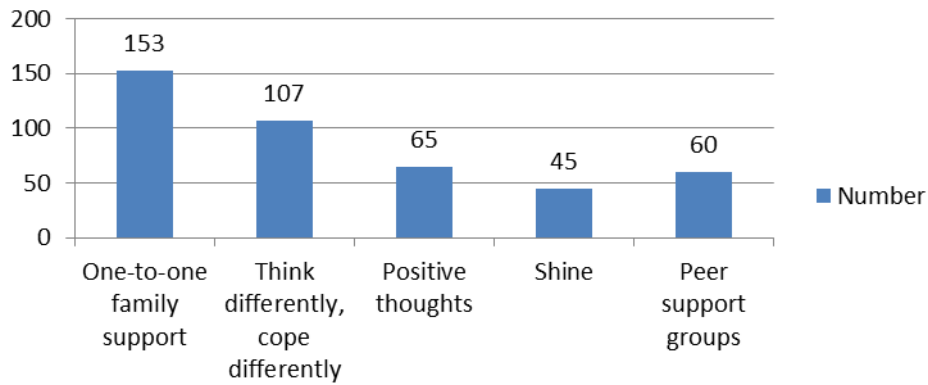


50% of respondents walk to access centres, with a further 19% travelling by car

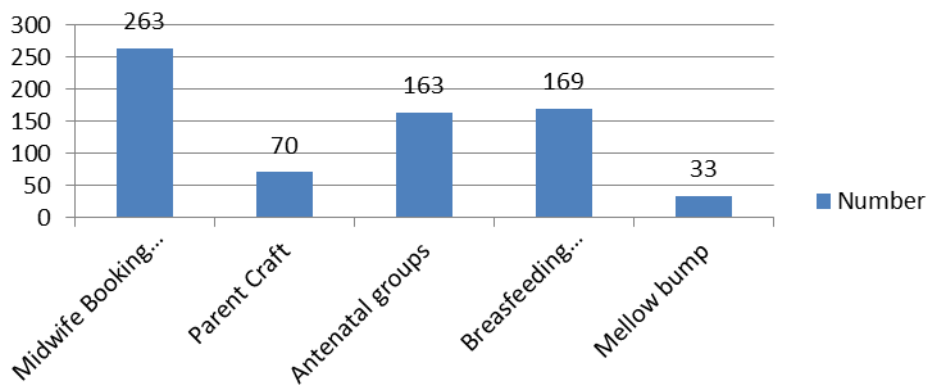
Q6a: Which centre service have you used in the last 12 months:



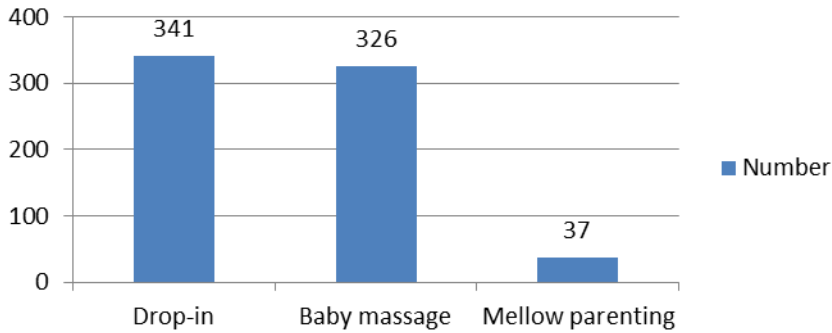
Support for low mood/loneliness accessed in last 12 months



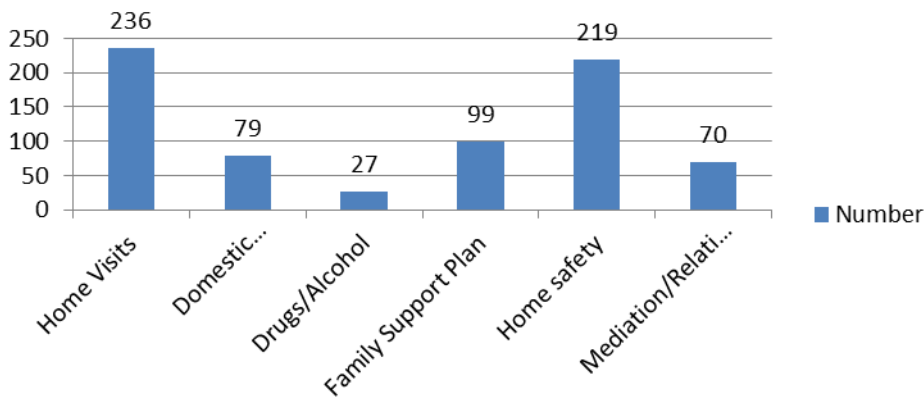
Antenatal support services accessed in last 12 months



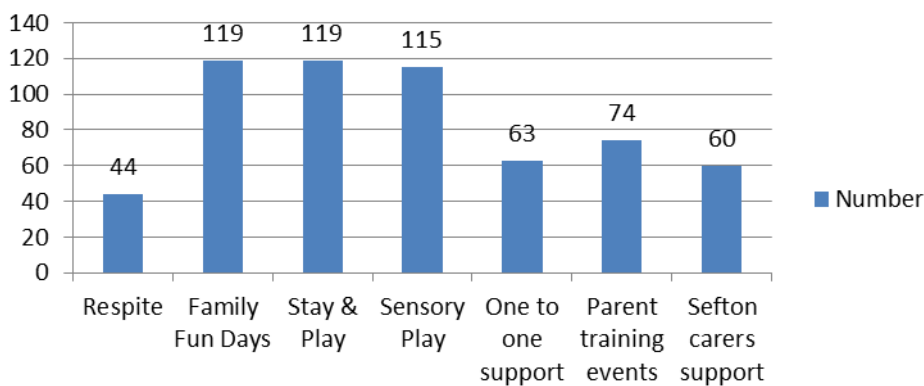
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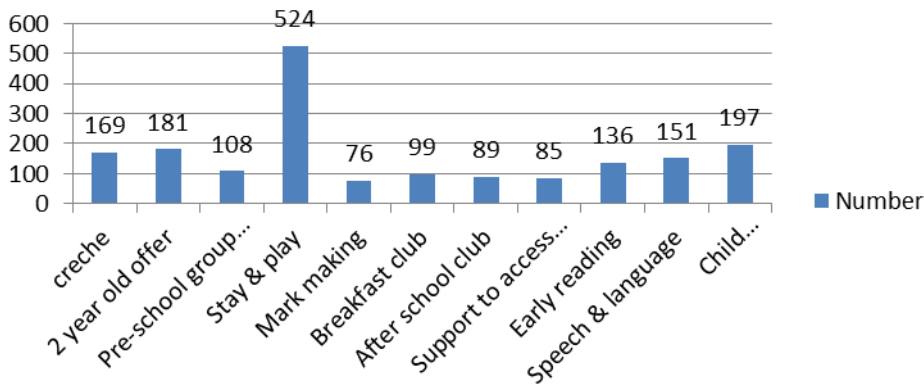
Family Support services accessed in last 12 months



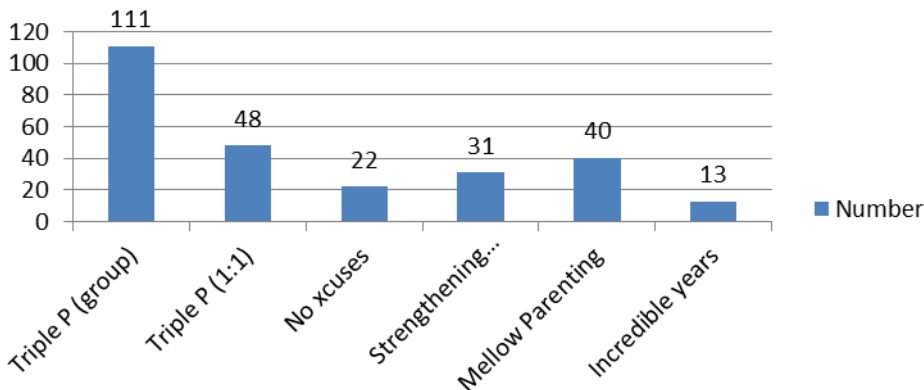
Support for families with SEND services accessed in last 12 months



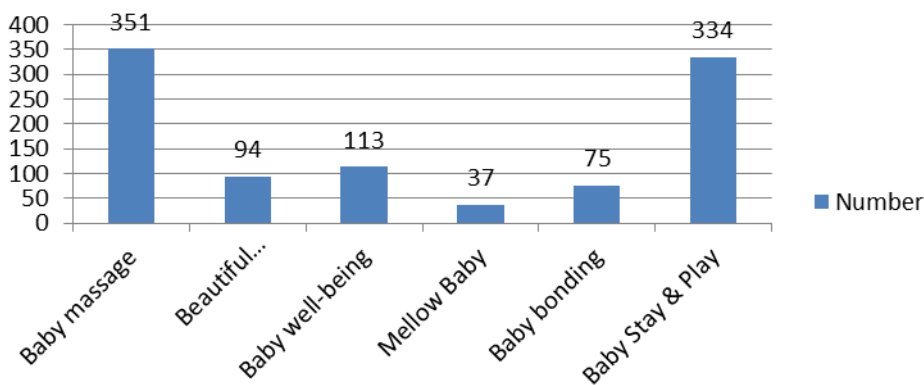
Early Learning services accessed in last 12 months



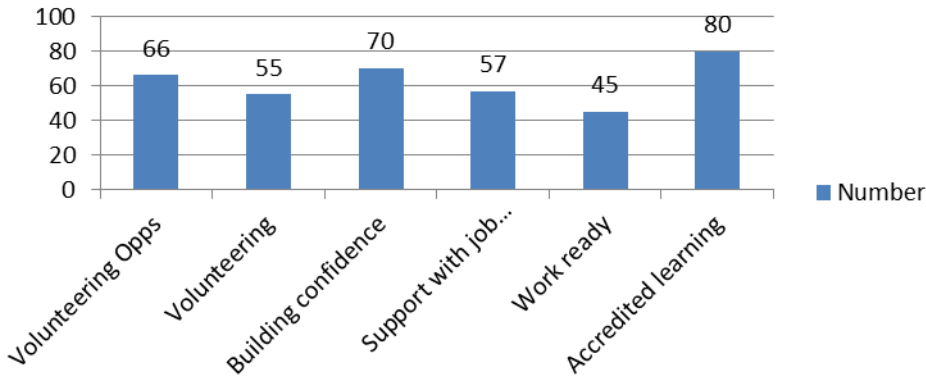
Developing Parenting & life skills services accessed in last 12 months



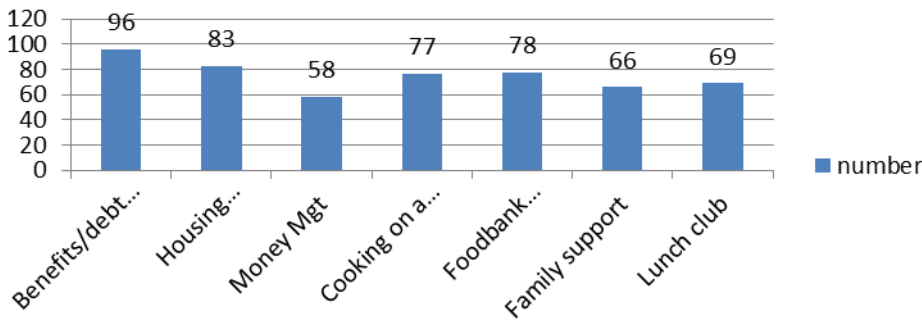
Attachment & Support programmes accessed in the last 12 months



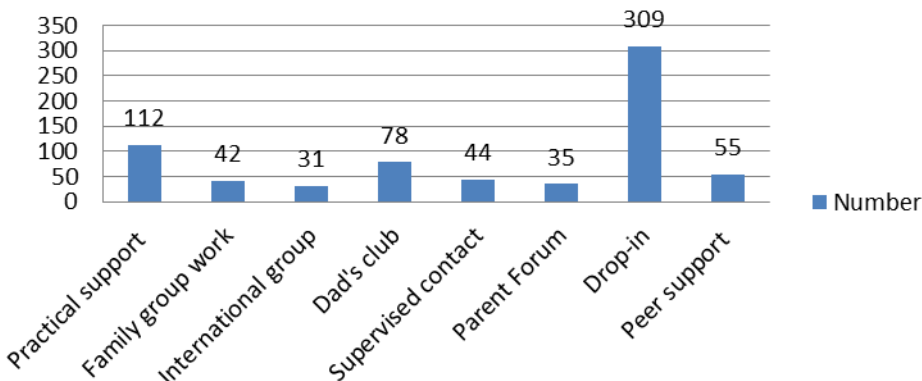
Support into employment services accessed in the last 12 months



Support with finance/budget services that have been accessed in the last 12 months

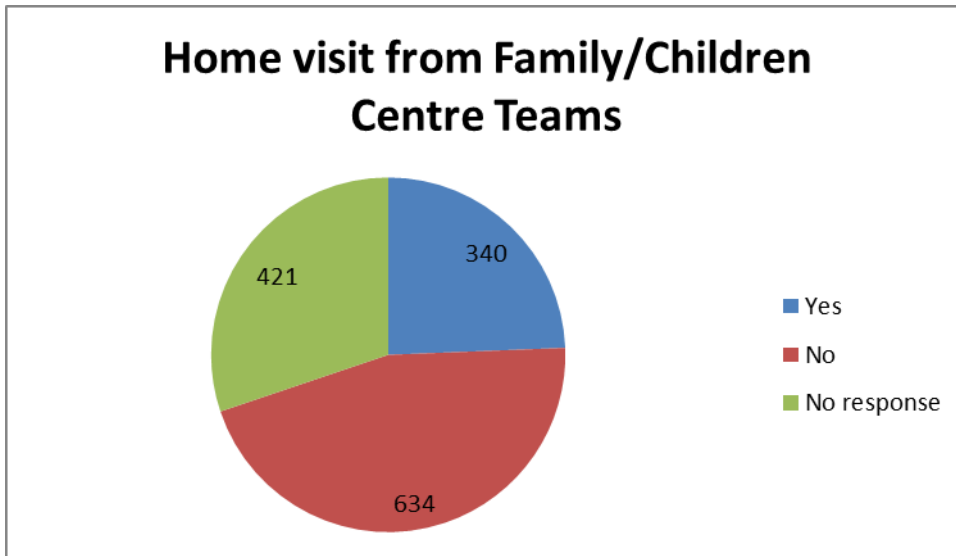


Other services accessed in the last 12 months



It is clear from the respondents that a large number of the activities are well utilised with child development type services being the highest.

Q6b: Have you had a home visit from our Children’s and Family Centre team(s):



The respondents’ reasons for a home visit where as follows:

- Safety equipment/ home visit 42%
- Development 12%
- Social Care involvement 8%
- Mental Health 8%
- Additional needs 4%
- Family Support 22%
- Early learning 3%
- Other 1%

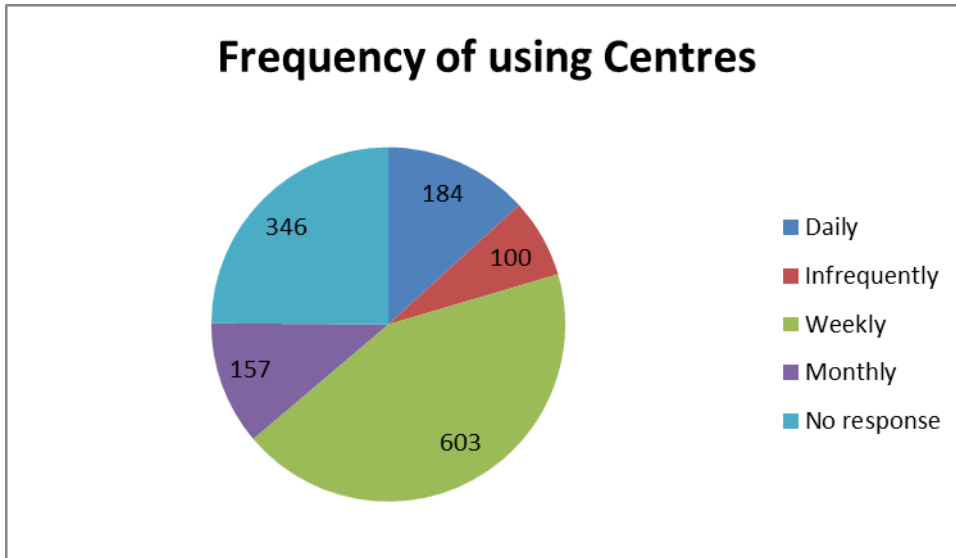
Q6c: To inform our future offer, from the above list of centre services which three do you consider vital to the health and wellbeing of you and your family?

Out of all of the health and wellbeing services the following three services came out as the top three :

- 55% respondents considered stay and play as a vital service to them
- 24% people considered family support vital to them
- 9% people considered breast feeding support one of the top vital health and wellbeing service

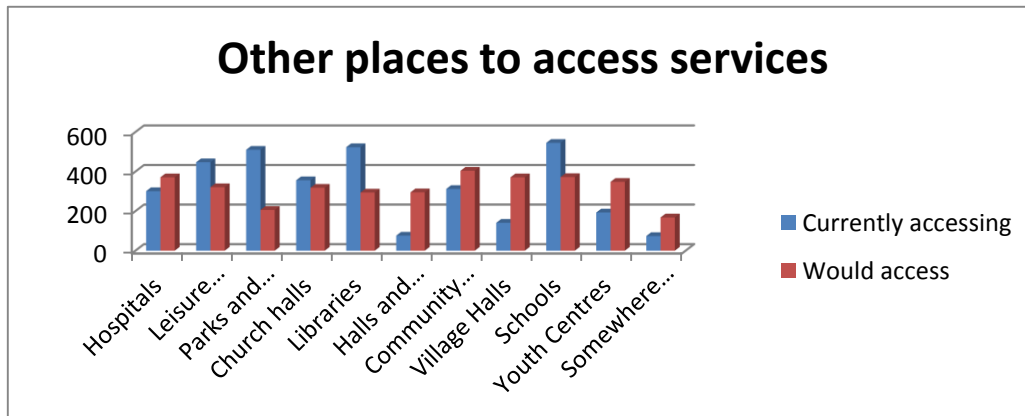
Note that, 37% people did not respond to the question however they requested that the services in a named location should remain the same

Q7: How often do you use the centre?



The vast majority of respondents 57% attend Centres weekly with 17% attending daily

Q8: Which of these other places do you use and which would you feel comfortable assessing services for children and families in the future?

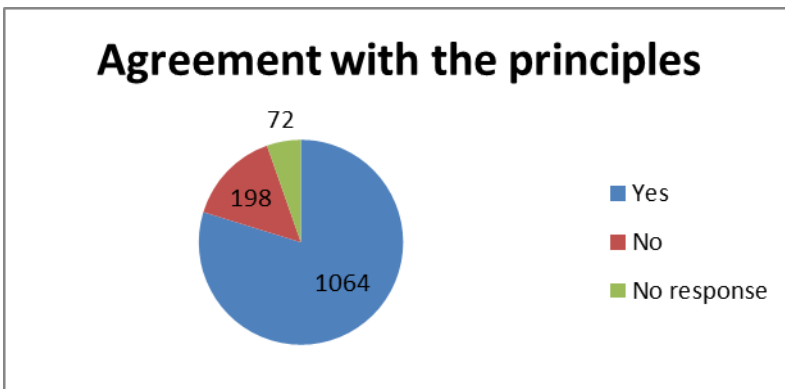


The table shows the numbers of respondents

| Other place | Currently accessing | Would access |
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| Hospitals | 301 | 371 |
| Leisure Centres | 447 | 321 |
| Parks and | 510 | 206 |

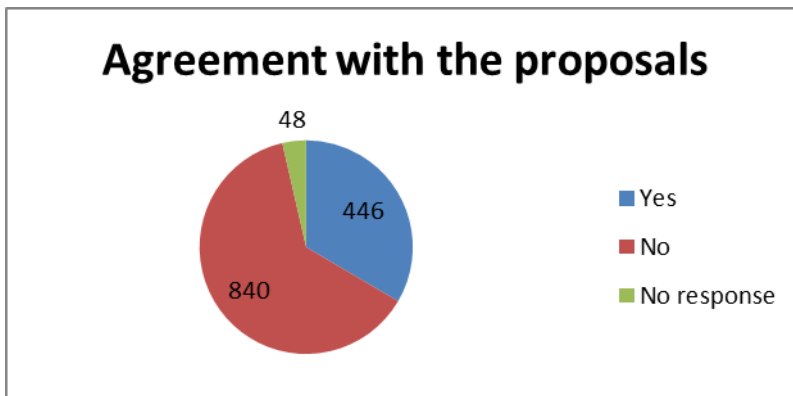
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| Coast | | |
| Church halls | 356 | 318 |
| Libraries | 523 | 294 |
| Halls and places of worship | 76 | 295 |
| Community Centres | 312 | 404 |
| Village Halls | 141 | 371 |
| Schools | 545 | 372 |
| Youth Centres | 193 | 348 |
| Somewhere else | 74 | 168 |

Q9: Do you agree with these principles?



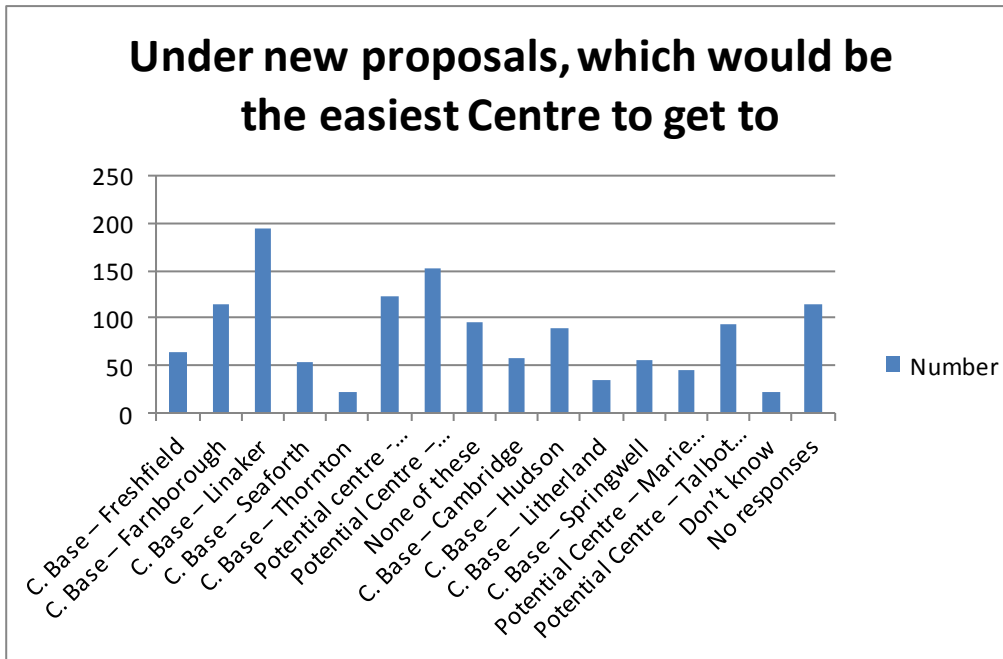
80% of respondents agreed with the principles and 15% did not agree with all or some of the principles

Q10 Do you agree with the proposals?



63% disagreed with the proposals, whilst 21% agreed.

Q11 Which centre do you think will be the easiest for you to attend under our new proposals?

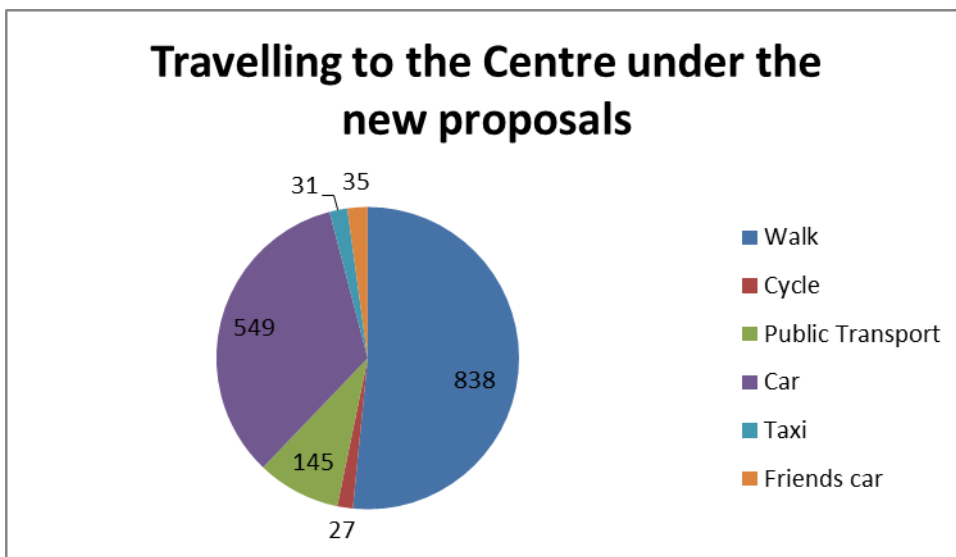


The table below shows the numbers associated

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| C. Base – Freshfield | 64 |
| C. Base – Farnborough | 115 |
| C. Base – Linaker | 195 |
| C. Base – Seaforth | 53 |
| C. Base – Thornton | 21 |
| Potential centre - Netherton | 122 |
| Potential Centre – Waterloo | 152 |
| None of these | 95 |

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| C. Base – Cambridge | 57 |
| C. Base – Hudson | 89 |
| C. Base – Litherland | 34 |
| C. Base – Springwell | 56 |
| Potential Centre – Marie Clarke | 45 |
| Potential Centre – Talbot Street | 93 |
| Don't know | 21 |
| No responses | 114 |

Q12: How will you get there?



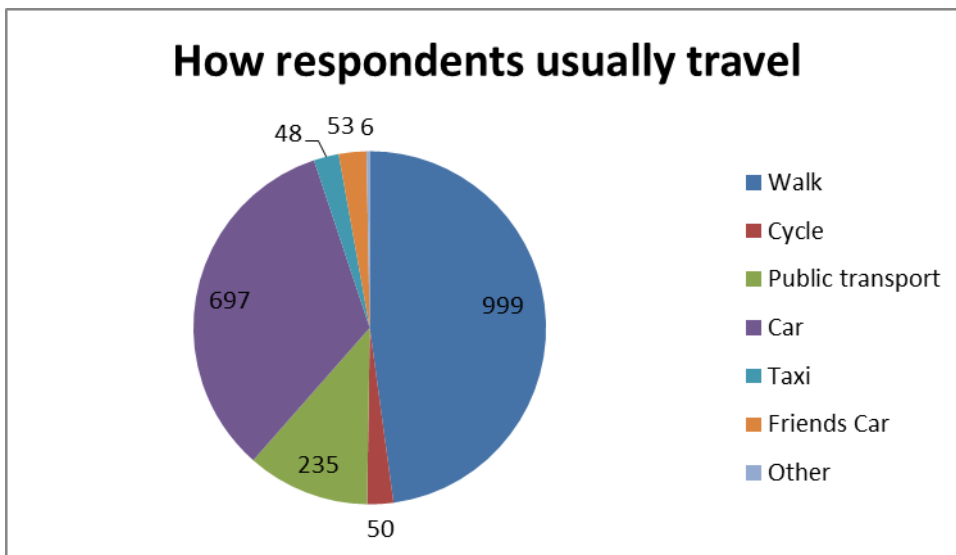
52% of the respondents stated they would walk, 34% would travel by car and 3% would take public transport

Some comments received associated with this question

- *Other one's no idea as I don't know where they are!*
- *id have to park then walk in as i wouldnt want to pay to park.*

- *i would struggle to walk to these*
- *Takes me 20 mins to WALK NO BUSES go near it*
- *I live 20 mins away from it no public transport for me to get to these places*
- *other one's no idea as I don't know where they are!*
- **LINAKER CENTRE**
- *Linaker*
- *Its local I don't drive and have several children with additional needs*
- *Drive*
- *i couldnt walk to netherton*
- *car to waterloo and netherton - walk to thornton*

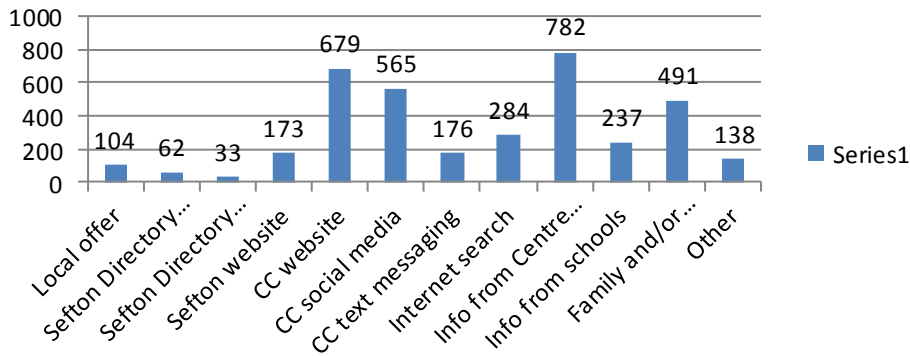
Q13: How do you normally get about?



A similar percentage 48% of those who travel to a centre also normally walk and 33% travel by car again a similar percentage

Q14: How do you find out what is going on in the local area?

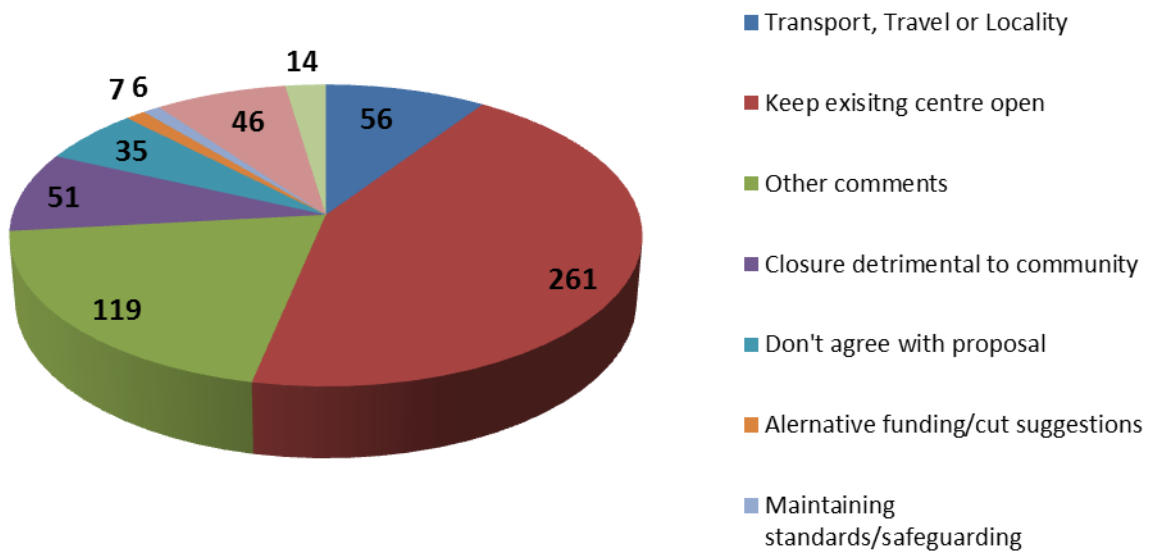
Places where people go to find out what is on in the local area



59% of respondents find out what is on in the local area through the Children's Centre website, social media and staff

Q15: Any other comments?:

Comments & Suggestions on Proposal



The comments and suggestions have been grouped into topics with the key topics shown above. The majority of comments related to keeping Centres open.

Note that the analysis for the equalities part of the questionnaire is contained within the Equalities Impact Assessment Report.

The following is a transcript from the comments provided within the questionnaires (note that names and any other personal references have been removed)

Comments linked to the Principles

How this relates to Closing the Centre? Centre is necessary for local residents, especially parents

Above suggestions are already available at Linaker and I can't see anything different in this new proposition.

Whole family approach, but cannot see this happening seen as social services are meant to do this but are still very much budget (adult/child) orientated.

I agree with vulnerable families being kept safe and understand that this is a priority. I think that people who are not classed as vulnerable might be isolated from the services and may still need support but may not be able to access it.

I am extremely concerned about the location of services South Sefton being Waterloo or Marie Clarke and Cambridge being a complementary base. Family's in Bootle have no resources for children to attend, our two community centres have been closed

Families do not have spare cash to travel on public transport to access services. The majority of people accessing the centre do not drive. The effect of austerity continues to impact on those who need the service the most who are reliant on benefits or on a low income if the choice was food on the table or bus fare to a centre food would always be priority. Families come to centre for food bank vouchers they have no money to travel to venues to collect food parcels we support them by collecting and delivering parcels if Cambridge is not staffed who will "intervene early to provide support in a timely way" The proposed model will promote good mental health and emotional wellbeing for all children young people and parents carers and improve access to targeted support. However the proposal is to reduce services at Cambridge it is short sighted to expect families who have poor mental health and low emotional wellbeing to travel to services. Early intervention begins in making relationships and building trust and reducing barriers and "Respecting families starting points" we support people to engage with our services and by building trust family's then engage with targeted services in a more meaningful way which results in improved outcome for children and young people good mental health and emotional wellbeing. It is shortsighted to cut Early Intervention to such an extent Sefton will have massive demands for targeted services which will result in long waiting lists and less staff. How will Sefton then ensure "child's voice is heard and safeguarding thresholds are maintained. Childrens centres groups are often open to all children and family's supporting all children to reach their potential. Families who are subject to plans have their anonymity protected this results in them engaging with people from different backgrounds this raises aspirations helping children and families to have ambition and hope and respect for the community. If centres are open on a part time basis and families come for support and no one is available or the centre is shut they will stop accessing services this

will be tragic Please learn from Wirral Children's services we do not want this to be repeated in Sefton. I do worry for the future generations of children in Bootle we are a Phase 1 children's centre for a reason we are in a highly deprived ward why reduce services in our local area Sefton says it wants stronger healthier communities unsure how a Family Wellbeing centre in Waterloo will impact positively on Bootle families Also I think children our are main customers could you not have Children and Family Centres as the new name

I agree with the principles but I do not agree with closing children's centres to make way for this. Surely well being centres should be ran differently as are offering different benefits.

The principles are ok but don't match the offer. There is nothing in here to help me with the behaviour And social emotional development of my school aged children.

This is much more narrow than previously and will be a real reduction in resource.

Poorly explained offer and survey does not include what I would like in there. Not much of a consultation in truth.

any cuts to these services would be detrimental to myself, our communities and families in the area. This will also impact the services provided by family centres too, there is no way that every service user would receive the same level of care and support currently supplied if these proposals are implemented.

It should not just be about the 'most vulnerable' but to also simply provide a service for all children and their families.

The service works now why fix something that's not broke.

I agree in principle with all these proposed approaches however I seriously doubt that they will be achieved without local centres that are fully staffed. An approach that centres around 3 bases with smaller outreach is doomed to fail. The focus will be on the most demanding and needy families and on crisis support rather than the current approach of preventative services. Health and wellbeing is the most important part of support work and without local support with consistent staff many opportunities will be missed. Children's centres have built up a reputation of being a safe place to go for help and advice so I can only assume that fewer centres means lots of families will miss out on this support due to inability to travel to the centres or due to the lack of confidence in New outreach centres.

SPRINGWELL PROVIDES ALL OF THE ABOVE SO WHY CLOSE SOMEWHERE THIS HAPPENS.

your statement supporting 'all families' is not matched by the bullet points. What is proposed although essential for those 'at risk' groups/ children would not achieve the statement of ambition. Therefore the bullets need re-assessing to ensure the ambition is fulfilled - otherwise this seems a pointless and meaningless statement. All Sefton's children need your support to ensure a bright future for the area.

I rather keep 0-5 in one centre and 19+ in another center

agree with principles but not with reduction in centres where they can be accessed.

I want a safe environment for my children and feel Talbot street isn't going to provide this.

everyone should have access to services. s all families at one stage can have vulnerable times.

I would only agree if the environment/ building was a safe one.

so long as these services are voluntary

all

ALL OF THE ABOVE

but don't forget families and children who don't have issues, where they going to go play and socialise?

all of them

all

whats the criteria for 'vulnerable' !!

I agree but not the way it is being done & moving the center which is not in easy access

the proposal should be for all families. when was the community asked, regarding re-design of centres, as I have not seen or heard anything regarding proposal.

I AGREE WITH ALL ABOVE, BUT MORE CONSIDERATION NEED TO BE GIVEN TO MAIN HUBS, I DON'T FEEL YOUR PROPOSAL IS FAIR TO DEPRIVED AREAS AND SOME PEOPLE WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL FURTHER

I think the 'family wellbeing' centre should be available to everyone, not just the most vulnerable, this service is vital as a prereutable measure before families do become 'most vulnerable'

I would only say yes if it was in a safe place and location.

I don't think that the age range of 'whole family' is suitable. Particularly teenager/young adults with younger families.

I agree however less focus on children and families at earlier stages may lead to more long term issues

No consideration for families with no car, mental health issues, who are not well off.

All of them.

I feel seaforth CC is vital to offer family support and they work faintly with ourselves as health partners regularly. I access the centre for families I work with weekly.

However walking distance from areas of deprivation need to be considered. Im lucky I have a car but if I felt low I would not be bothered accessing service if I had to use public transport or walk for. Also relationships with current staff have already been formed on the basis of trust.

however, I feel we get this from our children's centre @ Springwell. Taking it away will be detrimental to some of our families

The childrens centre needs to stay open so that families have these services available in our area and don't have to travel.

sefton say they will do this but they wont.

Supporting families to thrive and developing the whole family approach :)

but this is what centres do already - why change it

But its not just about these principles. its about the whole community in the long run. Not everyone who attends has such issues but that doesn't mean we benefit from the other services.

Families should be supported to access services in the community. Disadvantaged families could become isolated.

this does not give a full picture - what services will be reduced/ stopped? it appears to focus on vulnerable people, and not 'general' families that could become vulnerable without the current services.

I feel that springwell provides this and the proposals are a waste of time. Springwell offers a friendly + supporting services and should be left well alone. Better than Liverpool ones!

Number 5- There are families who are forgotten about, the ones that don't qualify for anything so having a children's centre to go to should not be taken away from them. It is not all just pupil premium children who need looking after.

I agree with all of them. They are all very important and help families.

NOTE: I personally feel that these principles are already being implemented through the work that the children's centre workers carry out. The groups (stay and play etc) provide a safe place for parents and their children to come & engage in a positive way that aids healthy development and prevents some families from reaching a point in their lives where they need to access further services.

All of them

This is what Springwell Childrens Centre does so why change this

SPRINGWELL PROVIDES ALL OF RHE ABOVE SO WH CLOSE SOMEWHERE WERE THIS HAPPENS

No, because this is not specifying how it's gonna improve or change these centres

Im a single parent with 3 kids. Its accessible and around the corner. The support I see of these people if amazing.

As we don't want to be moved out of this centre because of easy access and studies and childcare facilities

Waterloocentre sessions have been a life line for me. The support I have received have helped me and my family thrive.

YES BUT TARGETED MAY NOT REACH FAMILIES WHO FALL OUTSIDE. KEEP DROP IN PLAY + STAY 0-5YRS THEY HAVE CLOSED OVER THE YEARS

Childrens centres should be use of all children & parents not just for parents who are struggling as currently all parents are struggling financially

We need this center and would be lost without it

I agree but if you close them you will be isolating families who cant travel to different areas.

I agree to none, keep our childrens centre as they are. DO NOT DISRUPT OUR CHILDREN.

all of the above

As long as services are still delivered locally

I do agree but I know for sure the local council wont act on this in seaforth area were its really needed to support our community.

childs voice being heard - professionals need to listen to them and do what they say.

I agree with them all but I also think children should have the access to early learning in the centres my 2 youngest children where beyond ready for school & thrived on leaning before they started in school, I think it is important for parents to bond & mix with other parents also.

All, if you reduce services and reduce employees then those left will feel the pressure of doing too much for too many - this is where mistakes are made. When mistakes are made it then proves the point that cost cutting effects lives not just of staff but those who use the services. - Don't decrease the funding - Increase. Don't re do lords street of a cost of millions invest it in the next generation of goomy families and children.

BUT I DON'T SOMETIMES FEEL THAT JUDGEMENTS AND TARGETS BASED ON STATISTICAL EVIDENCE AND STATISTICAL TARGETS ARE TOO NARROW TO APPLY ACROSS THE BOARD

these principles are already in place in all children/ family centres.

I agree with the principles but we already have this in our children centre. Will It stay open? Would not access anywhere else.

As a SENCO in a primary school, I am aware of how many services all schools have to provide to offer alternative support for this. Although I agree that these are beneficial, they should not come at the cost of the loss of Childrens Centres as they provide valuable support to families where an alternative is not available.

N/A

Yes and n who doesn't want to develop a whole family approach But on the other hand there are families who need help before it gets to that point.

The way these proposals are being implemented is wrong. So many families make use of current services because of confidence and quality of life reasons, and the proposed changes will be detrimental to their well-being.

number 5 as all families are in need of some point or other, despite their financial or social circumstances.

? THIS IS WHAT MY CHILDRENS CENTRE DOES ALREADY

Hudson great, centre is lovely staff are really helpful and friendly.

TOO VAGUE TO AGREE WITH. PLEASE ADAPT THESE TO HOW IT WILL AFFECT MY FAMILY, MY LOCAL COMMUNITY AND MY LOCAL AND ONLY CHILDREN'S CENTRE...

support all families not just those who are ***** to thrive so to promote equal opportunities - to provide the best for our children and families.

I agree with the principles but don't see how we will build relationships with staff if we haven't got access to a centre.

these principles already exist. These are not new principles. Merging centres equates to minimising service not maximising.

I feel that this could be achieved in Hudson on itself rather than merging centres.

Hudson is amazing and local to us. we love it here.

I think childrens centres are an important part of the community. They are good to have to help families who need support. New mums access centres to help with their mental health.

already in place at Netherton childrens centre

Already in place at Netherton Children Centre

I attended with my first born baby to a lot of classes and would continue with my second baby.

childrens centres need to be readily available for all families and new mums as they are a huge help in regards to mental health. I believe without the groups I have attended my mental health would have suffered.

Is this not what they do anyway

Don't agree with them being moved to another area.

shutting down local services is in direct opposinon to your aims. To state otherwise is disingenuous.

childrens centre should be 1 centre per 7000 children

sounds like there wont be much for ordinary families - very sad! All about social care... Not fair, because everybody is vulnerable!

No- Children's Centre is for little ones, you can not put 2YO & 15YO in the same room! Why just targeted? How fair it is on the rest of the community?

WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO JUST NEED SOME HELP

I am happy with the service I have now, I don't want to have to travel throughout sefton to get any help.

All families need support and it needs to be accessible for everyone.

LINKAKER CHILDRENS CENTRE ALREADY PROVIDES ALL OF THESE THINGS

How is this target based/ evidence based, I would like to see this? "Children and families that are failing to thrive??" How would this be notified/logged without childrens services being accessible "focussed Response"- with less services, less staff, how will this be applicable?

Not accurate , just general.

However- I'm sure that the changes will impact on many people and I am massively concerned about job losses.

easy to access everything as didn't have to walk miles to different places to access it time management and some services might not be available.

everything is located in one place and also its at my daughters school and I don't drive

I do agree with principles but what about the other families that don't fit that criteria. Parents of children not at risk of poverty or social problems also need a base to go for advice and support.

I agree with all the above but feel there is no provision for families that don't meet the criteria and will end up falling through the system.

the childrens centre at Linaker offers so much and I am always made to feel welcome I feel that having to access new surroundings will stop me from X for X.

that families in need should have support in the centre they feel comfortable in

Although I am concerned about the services offered at Linaker- where will I go to get support as I am isolated & unable to drive.

All of them Springwell needs to stay.

I do agree but this is already provided within seaforth centre.

Yes I agree but should be at separate centre focusing on mental health & wellbeing and leave childrens centres alone.

but it is needed in seaforth area of poverty, children need this centre, families need this centre.

I do but would really like to keep this centre as I need it also do my kids, without it there nothing around here for them.

I do agree just I don't get why you close this one as there is no where else for us to go round seaforth an to feel safe as you do here in this centre.

yes I agree with the principles proposed. BUT seaforth is an area of high - socio economic deprivation. There is a severe need for the wellbeing already provided here. As the services in this area are already none existent.

see answer to 15

seaforths childrens centre does this already.

UNSURE

unsure, not sure we should be mixing families together if they are having problems.

we are already involved with most of this and happy to participate with.

key principles all focus on children/ families with needs and who require interventions to thrive. What about all of the others? do they not matter?

I agree with supporting the vulnerable. I also agree with providing equal opportunities for all children, regardless of social status, as well as their parents/ carers.

I feel you are taking our childrens centre away and replacing it with something for 'targeted' families. This wont be something for everyone which will lead to parents feeling isolated.

seems to be about targeted families and not considering the benefit family groups have to the development of children an also parents who after having children may struggle to socialise with other families which is invaluable to promoting parent skills.

diagnosed inequalities but what about general well being and support to prevent illnesses??

In principle I agree with these I just do not agree with the proposed closures of the local centres for a central one.

last 2 , because other families who aren't failing to reach their potential/ in greatest need still need support.

I do agree with these principles but believe they are not achievable with regards to the changes in locations of the childrens centre.

already get this at Netherton childrens centre

yes I agree with these, this is because the ideas are already in place and being carried out within Netherton childrens centre. Many families already access these services.

I find Netherton childrens centre always do their best will all above great centre.

I thought this centre does this anyway

these are proposals, they are already pre-existing principles already upheld by the childrens centre. Please do your research before trying to pass things off as your own ideas.

this already happing in our centres already.

my local childrens centre currently offers these principles.

my childrens centre currently offers all of the above, so unsure of how this is an ambition as we already have this.

my local childrens centre already has these key principles for family wellbeing. for both my childrens the childrens centre was amazing, I moved back to the area, see back page!

well being centre needs to be accessible (local) + well staffed/ resources.

However, I feel the quality of support will be affected. I also feel it will affect the open door and open to all approach.

really enjoyed centre for high weaning staff or lohes

I don't agree with any of these principles as it means there won't be a service for all, only those in the greatest need will get one.

all as groups should be for all

I feel that the seaforth area has been forgotten about - we are living in a disadvantaged area closing seaforth childrens centre will be detrimental to the peoples health and wellbeing, the centre is possibly a life line to some they rely on the care they receive from the staff.

seaforth centre to remain open as fabulas staff like home to home care, very supportive, easy to talk. Good with both my children brilliant centre.

got no money to travel

travelling to other centres

in order to develop a 'whole family' approach I feel services need to be located at the three main bases, otherwise it could become splinted and ineffectual.

as I agree with all of these I don't agree with having services taking away like one on ones with people who we have learned to trust and built relationships with.

these are ok but not only families in the system need support. Going the childrens centre prevents things getting worse.

without my children centre myself and my children would have starved they have helped me out so much.

I think the targeted support is misguided on paper I have a wide family, good income and lots of support. I would not have been targeted but without the support I've had would have been completely lost.

don't agree with making bigger centres they become less personal and also can put off some vulnerable people who feel more comfortable in surroundings they know. Over the last 4 years we have worked with hundreds of families who have benefitted from the community feel. Also, I have witnessed the benefits of the most vulnerable working alongside some of the most affected families. I have seen the benefits and support to both. All families regardless of income can struggle emotionally.

however I believe all families and not just vulnerable families should be catered for.

yes if you don't stop the excellent work that the childrens centre are already doing !

I do agree but also feel these main principles are targeted solely on families that need support in a specific way. They should also have key principles targeted to wards families that just need support in a social way and families/ parents where this is their main source of company/ their children socialising.

I don't see the above statements as anymore than typical mission statements ! HOW will less specialised children centres help children?

think centre should be for younger children.

Why change what is working effectively? Why only disorderly families will receive support?

I think small local Centres serve the community better. I think this is a streamlining for cost exercise. I think people will lose community support through this change and I value the friendly and local Childrens Centre

Why are you shutting such a great centre as Linaker, they have got everything: fantastic staff, supportive team, great services to meet all families needs - youth connect for older ones, mental health on a ball with relax kids, etc. Family centre has got stigma about it (social care involved), the building is very tired, cold, uninviting, no parking, would not go there myself. What is limited services? Why fix what is not broken?!!!

These are all to support families in crisis and families who need support with getting ready for school and social/emotional issues are not going to be addressed, therefore more families will become vulnerable. The stay and play type sessions are of a high quality that addressed guided play and positive parenting through role modelling behaviours in a more inclusive manner.

Keep freshfield open!! Stop cutting vital services shame on you sefton council. Every child deserves tge best start yet you're taking away tge vital services and support offered in freshfield children's centres. Enough is enough with these savage cuts to youth services!

Dont change linaker it offers huge support at both its sights southport cant afford to loose this support

I do

It is nonsensical to refer to a model you haven't introduced and then ask us to comment on the principles upon which the model is based. Of course the principles are sound, but on their own they are vague and offer no indication of how services will be offered and how families that are most vulnerable will be effectively supported. This engagement effort feels very much like a tick box exercise and I am disappointed in the lack of effort to really engage with communities. All I can see the is that you are further removing centres away from areas from deprivation such as Canning road same as you did from Crossens 5 years ago. Please don't think that this is anything other than a cost saving exercise and your vague principles will only ever be aspirational and never achievable.

What about those families who do not have a safeguarding need? Even families where there are no safeguarding concerns need support from services like our children's centres. Shouldn't the offer be to ALL children and families and not just those families who are failing to meet the needs of their children??

I agree to the principles but I object that it is always only for the children from families in need or with problems. Yes, they do need support and every effort should be made to ensure their wellbeing and safety. However, there are a lot of families who do not fall into those categories but whose children and their carers benefit greatly from those services and who cannot afford to access them from private providers. I fear that a big proportion of children from households on lower incomes but not struggling or problem families will lose out!

I feel as though the current Childrens centres all offer the above mentioned proposals already. The staff are so welcoming, friendly and approachable. They remember who you and your children are and give so much support and advise for so many different topics and issues. Having Childrens centres in different areas gives you a sense of community and belonging and make them more personable to families as the staff get to know their service users.

I agree with all the principles however in society today condensing services to one main centre or 2 centres will not work. Families in need of support have trust in the centres they already use. Instead of condensing more funding needs putting into the already very successful centres and services available.

4. Ensure that the child's voice is heard and that safeguarding thresholds are maintained through service redesign and delivery. By having a main bigger centre will make services less personal and children will get "lost" in the service. My children have grown up knowing the staff at our local first steps children centre and I hope our next child will have the opportunity to too.

This would make the service far too impersonal - the children would become just a number. The childrens centres currently run well and are manned with excellent staff who know all the children - this is a terrible idea which would alienate both children and parents alike.

As I use the centre for the childrens uses. Removing those and making me travel with anxiety wouldn't be useful for myself or anyone else

The children are best served by the centres staying as is. There is a localised environment provided a wider Family Wellbeing centre will miss.

It has taken years to get vulnerable families to access the services offered by Children's Centres. To mess with the offer at this point would ruin all of this hard work by dozens of staff members. Targeted work is undeniably important, but without a universal approach, you will never succeed in accessing those that would also benefit from targeted work.

Unable to agree as doesn't say how this will impact on existing services

They all target families at a time of crisis. The families without crises require assistance from children's centres. Depression and isolation are very common in parents and the activities which Children's Centres provide make an enormous difference.

I don't feel anything is being missed in current centres. People are still engaging and staff get to assess children and families. Safeguarding is not only viewed in these centres. They are assessed on accessing anything in the community, such as hospital and therefore that would not change.

Agree with most but should be able to repeat yourself as many times as you want.

All mums, dads and children are vulnerable in many different ways not just those meeting certain criteria.

Not enough focus on families without issues

I applaud the general principle, however disagree that the proposed model is adequate to fully deliver the aims outlined. For example I believe that Southport is very well served in these areas by organisations such as Parenting 2000 etc. Therefore a duplication of child and family focused services in this area does not necessarily represent an efficient use of scarce resources. As a parent with mobility difficulties I think southport is well known within the disabled community as a place which is not easily accessed or navigated. Free parking or even low cost parking availability for those outside the immediate area will cause significant difficulty. Parking challenges for those with reduced mobility have been documented in the past by groups such as SAF and a SAFE. I do think that if my local centre in formby is closed and the secondary centres i access in Ainsdale and Thornton which all have free official and on street parking. I would struggle and probably be unable to attend the centres in the future. With a young child adequate parking facilities are essential and fundamental requirement for my attendance. I rely on these centres so having a main centre which would be largely inaccessible to travel to would be a devastating blow !

I agree if the ground staff who are in contact with children and families are left to get on with their job - early intervention supports and protects all/ The above has been written by someone sitting in an office and does not know what is currently on offer the impact or how it already supports families and children. Ofsted report safeguarding feb 2016 states very clearly that these services go some way in supporting social care. Without these you will leave a unnecessary risk to those that use the services.

That's just theory. People won't get support they need when you cut the services again!

However I don't think this is achievable by cutting budgets and now closing down well used children centres, and underfunding nurserys which are well used by the local community as well as employing local people.

All of them.

That means it's all moving to Liverpool, as usual, I already can't access 99% of the very limited services for my disabled son, as it's ALL Liverpool.

Do NOT close Linaker Children's Centre

I believe that the children's centres are invaluable to the local community. The staff get to know the children before they even start school and can then advise the teachers of any extra help that is necessary. My child is currently being in the process of being diagnosed with Autism which was picked up pre school at Farnborough children's centre. I don't agree that all the services should be lumped together, I was an at home mum after leaving my nice job to look after both of my children, it was the hardest part of my life and the only thing that saved me and kept me off anti depressants was the socialising in the childrens centre and the help I received from the childrens centre. They got to know me and my children and were able to help me and I was able to get together with other mums in the area. I also had a tricky time as my child has suspected Autism which was picked up in the childrens centre which was picked up by the staff that got to know us. I do not believe I would have accessed the above centres you mention. I believe the childrens centres are life savers particularly with new mums who do not have any support around. The childrens centres are life savers for new mums. They are inclusive for all new mums not just pushy mums, which I am not, and that has saved me and my family and helped me to identify that my first child has additional needs which would, for sure, not have been met without the support of the staff that know my family.

All of these services are only supporting families already in crisis. my family have never been in crisis but I have needed valuable support from the children's centre to support the children which has prevented my situation getting worse

I have 3 children . One of which has additional needs, and when I have been at my wits end Thornton children's centre has been a life line to me, giving me support and advice on issues such as sleep, behaviour management, sensory processing and benefit support. Having Sefton Carers based there has been great for my family and kept me sane!

I believe that the cuts to childcare funding will have a negative impact on children's growth and development. I have directly seen the positive impact that availing of the childcare service has on children and families in the local area.

That putting 0-19 together does not give in a family scenario, an older child the space from the younger child. We know from experience that parents like coming to Linaker, they say it is a welcoming atmosphere. Health Visitors mainly refer parents to call for their vitamins. It is at this point we introduce them to other services, through the services, we can see if their child is struggling. They need a place that expresses a sense of well being, a place where they can feel safe and of equal to those around them.

The proposed merge of Linaker Childrens Centre with Family Centre. I feel that this would have a really negative impact on the families we support, as many of our most vulnerable

families have had support from Linaker Childrens Centre in a trusting, non judgemental and safe environment, which they feel comfortable to access. Many of our families have experienced traumatic times in their life, and wish to move forward with their lives, and would not feel comfortable in a different building. Many of the services provided for our community are all under one roof here, and parents can access adult education, which in turn provides aspirations for them and their children.

Services should remain as they are. Cutting Childrens centres and the services they currently provide will not improve outcomes for children in Sefton.

ALL CHILDREN throughout Sefton should have local access to clinics not just families from deprived areas. Your proposal would mean that there would be one clinic supporting families from Crossens to Hightown. Why should our children and parent's/carers suffer because of your mis-management - absolutely disgraceful

The most vulnerable will not use services such as the ones currently provided so will not use new and updated services either.

Point 5- how would you determine those in 'greatest need'- what evidence would be used? I would not want a working family thought of as in less need that a non working family due to income thresholds; a working family can require support just as much and in different ways than a non working family.

I don't see how you are respecting a families starting point if you take the vital support out of the local community. 'Whole family' the strangers who will deal with me if I need it won't know my own family where as the lovely ones in our community are part of the community and know our family so would know how to support the 'whole family' fr the off and without us having to ask. Also these guys know we need help before even we do and are able to help us realise and support and guide us.

I feel this is already done with the services we have and you are taking away our comfort and safety net in a time where we already feel vulnerable.

Centralised services

I agree with these principles but feel that many omissions exist. Allowing parents to meet, share thoughts and worries is an important role. This reduces the incidence of post natal depression and a feeling of isolation.

I do not believe that your principles would actually help ALL children. It appears to be all about secondary rather than primary prevention. ALL children deserve to have opportunities to reach their potential and ALL parents deserve the best support available for what is the hardest (and what can be the most rewarding) job on the planet - bringing up their children.

Whilst the over-arching aims are laudable, what is not mentioned is: 1. how much money are you aiming to save? What will be the staff losses and for which areas of specialisms? 2.

What will happen with the building stock left unused and what facilities will go as a result, particularly assets that cannot be transported from site? 3. Results of the impact assessment based on re-configured services. What other local provision would have to pick up where a service has been lost? Is this feasible? 4. Which of the centres cater for high volumes and complex cases where higher resource is required?

I see no need to change the system currently in place. Services have already been reduced. Existing services need expanding. If you were creating Family Wellbeing Centres IN ADDITION to the children's centres, then I might approve the changes. As things stand, you are attempting to make a reduction in services sound beneficial. I assume that jobs will be lost as a result of these changes?

Because you are condensing services due to cost cutting and not because of your principals stated above. You only seem to have one definition of "people who need it most" and you base this on financial measures. It is a really narrow viewed approach and reaches the few and not the many. You have a responsibility to ensure all communities in Sefton thrive...but your plans do not support this. Therefore I cannot agree with your principles.

There needs to be acknowledgement that as well as focussing supporting to those families who need it most that a basic provision of support should be available to everyone (even if there is a paid contribution for people to access some of this). In the early weeks this is vital for supporting new parents and their babies.

Ok but believe that all parents and children should have access to services not just those who are unemployed or vulnerable.

I do agree with the principles but I feel that you are only focusing on families/ children that have needs or are not thriving and not focusing on each and every child whether thriving or not

should be more services available in southport not in bootle, bootle is too far for us to travel!

The types of families at Talbot Street centre are not the same as that at Linaker Children's Centre. I visit Linakers almost daily & need the services offered there. I do not need to be near the likes of parents who have dealt with drug mis-use etc at Talbot Street. The Staff at Linakers are amazing & have helped me find the support I needed for my child with complex needs. At Linakers it's all children mainly under the age of 10 I'd say. I'm not comfortable thinking my 3 year old will in the future be sharing a centre with upto 19 year olds and parents who may be a danger to her (parents on supervised visits for example!).

5 and 6. Support should be there for all families as circumstances change and if all people don't have access to services then families who on paper may not need the services may soon become a family that does and is unfortunately overlooked by the system.

The proposals mean that certain centres will be closed, and put local one appears to be one of them.. the centres are not only a welcoming place to ring our children, for some people they are a real lifeline. I brought my children to our local centre for many different sessions, music, play, massage, wellbeing and the staff make the whole experience so comfortable. When my second and third child were born because of restrictions in our circumstances, I spent a lot of time at our local children's centre. It offered companionship and fun for my children and for myself. Ans I know from other local parents that our local centre has really helped them through some very tough times, and without their support things for them could have turned out very differently. Please do not take our centres away from us and do not close centres already in existence.. you do not know how much a lifeline, such as they provide, is worth to someone who needs it.

All schools should be family well-being bases. Use main base idea and share remaining children's centre funding with all schools. The activities on offer like baby massage, treasure basket sessions et.c could be offered by community groups in community centres.

Attachment. This is bxxxxxt designed to blame parenting when actually the child probably needs an autism assessment. Children are being failed in Sefton and it is only going to get worse until a proper service is given. Oh, by the way, one of the questions says 'is the disability related to...pathway' What the hell does that mean? A. There is no 'autism pathway' in Sefton and b. Most people won't even know what the hell that means. It is clear to anyone with a brain that these cuts are nothing to do with 'making things better' and everything to do with cutting budgets but making it sound nice so the 'stupid parents' won't realise. Utterly disgusted as per usual.

Focus on trained professionals providing evidence based service health visitor & social workers

I don't feel it would be beneficial merging the centres, we have got to know the staff and have a rapport and feel they are trustworthy.

I don't understand what services are being offered here. This proposal makes me feel anxious - I have received a massive amount of support from all of the children's centres I have been a part of, and this proposal does not (to me) respect any of the services I have received , nor offer alternatives.

Of course I agree with these principles, but the whole family approach is not possible when you cut down other services to achieve this. Family and children centres work very well together, I haven't seen any published evidence to prove the current services are failing, why change them? Plus, combining the services for young adults and young children may have many safeguarding implications and concerns.

All

I disagree that these are aims. These services are already in place in Children's centre and Sefton councils proposals will reduce the services available so using this here is extremely misleading

I think the Cambridge children's centre functions well as it is and the above changes will massively affect myself, my colleagues, and all the families and parents which access our local children's centre. I don't think the changes will be beneficial to all the above.

I agree with these principles but my understanding is that this is what my centre currently offers me anyway.

Feel that all children should be supported and encouraged regardless of their background.

The primary issue I have with these principles is that they are currently not being met by the current staff. I have had first-hand exposure to staff failing these principles and as a result totally devastating a family unit with their inept approach to matters raised. In Particular : - " 2) Develop a "whole family" approach where root cause issues can be addressed and families limit the number of times they need to tell their story." This was failed by not only the ground staff based at Hudson children centre, but also their seniors, and to this day it continues not to be met. This may seem like a personal gripe, but I am assured by many other parents that this is a common thought towards this particular children's centre. In my honest opinion, this centre needs to be redressed and staff and their current workloads reviewed. If it was to be closed and moved to another site, I doubt very much it would be a great loss to the community.

The focus seems to be around the most vulnerable in society. Whilst this is important, more consideration needs to be given to 'normal' families. This should feature as a priority.

As a retired Children's Centre Manager and having previously worked in Sefton I feel that the stigma attached to Talbot Street will be a barrier to many families accessing services. The well established centre at Linaker should continue to be centre of the Southport services. To try and develop a new hub will be a backward step in community cohesion and take away all the goodwill and hard work which has long been established.

I don't know what it means. I don't know whether I would still receive support

This is worded terrible. Of course people will agree with these statements as it's hard not too. I am a well educated young person with a degree in childcare, before having my son I worked full time at a local nursery. I pay my taxes and have done since I was 16. I may not be classed as the most vulnerable' or those in need of support. But these children's centres are a lifeline whether you are classed as vulnerable, well educated or just a new mum trying to do the right thing for your baby, make friends and learn new skills. I work in the childcare field, I even have a degree in childcare but I have learnt more becoming a new mum, going to these groups, making friends and learning from others. Taking away children's centres from EVERYONE is going to cause your numbers of 'vulnerable' families to sky rocket to be

more than ever before. Getting out for an hour or so to do a class keeps some people sane throughout the day. I feel these statements are placing a divide in society as all you seem interested in the vulnerable, by all means offer them MORE support but don't just pigeon hole all the help to them. Just because I have worked for 10 years, work in childcare, have a mortgage doesn't mean I will be able to afford to pay for classes instead of accessing these. This whole consultation is causing a divide and that's what's needs to stop we are all in the same boat, a parent, trying to do the best for our children so don't take this away, it's a lifeline for some that may not just show it

With good services and a well funded centre then interventions would become preventative rather than reactive. Children's centre services are most beneficial during the holidays too when other services ie. Free school meals etc are not available and parents of a low socioeconomic background are further financially stretched

The very proposal at the beginning stating the proposed model will promote good mental health and well-being. I could barely get myself out of the house with my daughter and walk to Hudson let alone manage to travel to one of your 'wellbeing centres' I have never accessed any other centre and I wouldn't feel comfortable doing so. Making it harder for parents to access services will not help anyone's mental health or wellbeing!

5) I don't disagree with those most in need receiving targeted support- this is important. However, the support of the children's centre, being able to attend activities within walking distance etc, has been of benefit to my mental health and the development of my child. I don't think that my difficulties would be classed under those most in need but without such services being available, I think more people could experience isolation etc, without it being seen by service/authorities.

I think the children's centres are vital for our future as well as our children's future

Everything stated above implies a negative connotation. Of course protecting the vulnerable in our society is a key issue, but what about 'normal' families? Whilst I wholeheartedly support the decision to improve interactions with families in crisis, I believe it's shortsighted to overlook the positive impact of the children's centres on ALL families. Focussing solely on families with issues means that a high percentage of families in Sefton would not have access to the support and guidance currently on offer from these centres and I feel this would be a huge error.

I worry about 'outcomes' in matters of health and wellbeing.

Intervene early. The council should keep out of peoples lives as much as possible

Because children's mental health is not a priority in Sefton children are constantly let down by the system. You cannot put a proposal in place that you cannot fulfil. There is not enough support. CAMHS is failing to meet children's needs. This proposal won't succeed unless funding is implemented immediately before it is too late. Children's mental health should be

a priority not a proposal for the future . My daughter has waited 10 months and still got no help despite self harm and suicidal thoughts.

needs to add.. and help those with barriers to learning access additional services to ensure they have optimum chance to achieve their optimum potential...or something similar as schools are not always able to do this

Although I agree with the principles, the wording suggests that there would be reduced support for those not in "greatest need" - those with a stable family life and reasonable income. This doesn't negate the need for support services, particularly in the first few months after giving birth. Many people do not have a large circle of friends and can feel isolated - my experience of the children's centres is that they provide a chance to meet others in the same situation.

I don't believe the decision to reduce the number of services in deprived areas is in keeping with the principles above.

All of them

The fact that it is 20 minute walk for me to get to speingwell and now you want to propose it going to Netherton and that would take me 43 minutes from speingwell so over an hour. I wouldn't access it as it is too far. Why up to 19 as well. Once a child is 16 they can have sex so why do you propose to close a children's centre which my baby goes to and make it so ADULTS can use. 19 year olds are ADULTS! Absolutely ridiculous idea! Who dreamt rhus idea up,

Netherton Children's Centre already support the whole family offering my services the help me deal with my older children .

Reducing services for families and unemployment for the staff

Targeted families- this is discriminating against those families who do not necessarily need to visit the centre for any other reason but to start early interaction for their children which in turn will help their children thrive and support their communication in the future. There needs to be something where by EVERY family can attend a session e.g. stay and play to support as EVERY child matters regardless of background and personal circumstances.

2. A "whole family" approach risks sacrificing the excellent, more specific approach taken by places like the Linaker Centre, which, by being focused on pre-schoolers, provides a wholly appropriate, welcoming and safe environment for very small children. 5. A sole focus on those in the greatest need risks eliminating support for those struggling families who need less (but still some) help and support, without which they may become more vulnerable.

Why condense them all into one base? This will not improve access, it would do the absolute opposite, if you don't live in a nearby postcode then you would not have local access to any of

the services you offer. This is obviously about cost cutting and cutting overheads. You should be ashamed

Closures

Merging family and children's centres. They both serve a different purpose.

All

I think families that need support should get it fully but don't see why things have to change. We shouldn't all have to go through one system and should be free to go where we feel comfortable

Don't agree with shutting the centre down, it is invaluable to our community

I needed help but would not say I fit in the bits above. I am just a victim of a bad relationship and losing my job but that made me feel very worthless. I just needed a bit of help

No.5 Targeted families fall within certain thresholds, but being unemployed, poor, living in a run down area, does not mean they are the only families who are in need of help. Rich or poor, when services are open to the general public, those who are in need can be directed to a place where so much goes on no one knows why someone comes in to visit. Where someone feels it hard to reach out, with attending activities, collecting vitamins, having the baby weighed what is around them gives them the confidence to seek help, if it is from a leaflet or a 1:1 chat with a member of staff.

Families need local children's centres to ensure that all children have fair and equal access to developmental opportunities. Closing local CCs and centralising services will cause otherwise engaged families to not attend and will compound disengagement of the hard-to-reach families with whom the services need and aim to target the most.

It sounds very reactive, and focussed on obvious need. Although I agree support is needed here; ALL families need support. It is so important to utilise early health and social care interventions for ALL families

Should be available for all children not just in need

Reducing the services on offer to parents and children will not help them in any way. Bootle and surrounding areas are very deprived and poverty has been linked to poor mental health. Families in these areas need more support than in other more affluent areas where money is no issue and they can afford to pay for expensive children's activities. If you reduce the services on offer less children will attend playgroups and access services therefore reducing their interaction with other children which helps children's development. Postnatal depression is on the increase and they need to access services in order to recover. I recently attended a think differently cope differently course I found this very helpful and i

avoided having to attend the doctors when I felt low as the course made me feel more positive for the future.

It is not as simple as to say which principles I don't agree with but by saying that I agree with the principles implies that I agree with the proposals. I understand that savings have to be made but the inference that Seaforth can be relocated fills me with trepidation. The level of deprivation in the area is probably the worst in the borough but despite this there is a great sense of community and belonging. The Children's/Family Centre has become part of that community and enabled us to support hard to reach families with complex needs. There have been some fantastic working practices and positive outcomes for families. I cannot see any benefits to the community that this proposal can offer and the effect on the Community can only be negative.

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I appreciate costs need to be met however your proposed principles should and are already met via the multitude of locations already available. After all the statement you are putting out to the world, is not saying current services are inadequate, poor, wrong, not meeting the needs of all the communities, as that would be false; you are being squeezed by central government to make yet more cuts to an already stretched service(s). Maybe a better approach would be have one system online or centre driven with a list of ALL available services/courses and let ALL residents see what is available across the communities. Then see a more truer 'NEED' as I do not think everyone has, for a multitude of reasons, knowledge of what is out there. I imagine this would then help to drive the 'Need' to keep centres open in the proposed closed areas which actually fall into the more deprived areas in Sefton. By consolidating your resources to one or rather three locations you inevitably put strain on those locations (building) as well as staff. the continuity for staff with the newly proposed volume of people will be lost. The parents/carers/grandparents will lose hope of seeing same person or them actually having time to spend quality time with them. You'll demoralise the staff, possibly losing excellently trained staff to other sectors. These fabulous trained staff normally there to help and aid in families in crisis or presenting possible issues won't be there to do this!! or worse the families won't bother with centres to give the revised three locations staff a chance to spot/see them, which again won't be their fault but may lead to demoralising them or causing sickness levels to rise, through stress alone I imagine. You are asking the impossible

Please remember, prevention is better than cure. You are already talking about cure. To make the right decision, you must have the knowledge of the location, community and it's needs. Please be very careful choosing the right location and right services. To reverse it back might be not only more costly but even impossible.

All contained above.

prevention is better than intervention

apart from the time shouldn't be just for families in difficulty

2/ whole family approach - not convinced the needs of babies, young children, children with disabilities, and older children / teens can be catered for in one place. There could be potential safeguarding issues here.

Whole family approach

Comments linked to Locations

Linaker should be retained as main centre

I think that is much better to have more locality centres because people in need, disabilities and families with children prefer centre very close their houses/ flats.

linaker does stuff already. can we use the library - atkinson

linaker base should stay! all facilities needed are there. Also, there's parking and if full, can park on the road - free!!! at Talbot street, wouldn't work!!

currently use Atkinson accessible location for able bodied/ disabled people. On public transport route.

I prefer to stay with my local centre - linaker as it is convenient, local and friendly. I do not want to access the family centre.

having a centre in Bootle wouldn't be accessible to me personally. I believe somewhere in Southport would be more convenient and I strongly believe linaker is the right place.

the support that is offered in these centres are vital for the welfare of children and families in these areas. They need a local centre in walking distance.

I live in Southport over 10 years and I have never heard about the Centre at Talbot Street

linaker childrens centre

I think you need to divide the areas more and have 6 centres

Canning road is a great location for mums on the outskirts of Southport. I live in banks and do not rate the children's centres around here. Canning road is a great place for mums to get their baby weighed and the stay and play class means we also get to meet other mums in the area.

Please leave the children's centres as they are. They are a lifeline to families to children with SEN.

There are no plans that accommodate for Aintree village residents. Our community has already had several cuts including a library and no local children's service. Local parents have had to start own children's playgroups due to these cutbacks. Residents of Aintree need more local support not less support that is further away. It would be too far to walk and would require public transport in some cases more than one bus/train to get to these places which would also incur costs. Why should people living in Aintree have less community resources and be out of pocket?

Mainly as Hudson covers in its radius aintree and melling too and I feel the amount of families seems that the Hudson children centre should be fully staffed and have not to cut hours .it is the nearest one to our area and due to poor travel issues unless you have a car the planned proposal is out of the question.secondly all the other centres bar Talbot street are located very close together and so it would make sense for them to link as you can get a bus walk or same train line stops by them each and Hudson stand on its own . No new mum will go out of her area with a new baby for these services they should remain local and accessible for all new family's to be able to support them in the right way . After the lose of aintree children centre the need is great and I set up a local group at aintree we have 25+ each week and new family's move into the warda for every house sold .these mums need to be local and need a safe known environment to help their children grow with support from other mums and staff at the centres . It would be should a shame to lose yet more services in our area of maghull aintree and melling !! Please take the level of families in these 3 areas into consideration . I see a great need and more needs to be put on in these 3 areas not taken away

This would end up with vital services centred at 3 hubs which would be distant from the community and families it wants to target. The range of services provided currently is very limited and very difficult to access - this would make it worse.

In the north somewhere near marshside / Churchtown Also include Atkinson

Cambridge should be a main base need is greater

Why are Aintree and Maghull totally ignored?

In the Aintree area a lot of our services have now been taken away and Hudson Children's Centre is the closest we have. To stop all the current services offered would have such a negative impact on the whole community.

Talbot street is a dreadful building with poor parking wouldn't appeal at all. Should be a base in maghull or Formby. Netherton too close to Waterloo to promote coverage Aintree area should have more services. Midwife drop in clinics have been cut and moved to croxteth We have no funded groups apart from a Aintree tots which is run by volunteers. I have not long had a car and I found it very hard with my children to go to groups and local amenities. Especially when knowing that our area has had the funding cut

We don't always have access to the car so travelling from Formby to Talbot Street in Southport would be too stressful.

Keep Linaker Children's Centre as a main drop in centre, as it is a brilliant centre with amazing staff, excellent facilities available.

I would only attend a venue in Formby as I do not have access to a car and being pregnant and having a toddler just getting out of the house is hard work without having to travel to access the services.

Having fewer services and further apart does not support your intention. Families do not have access to transport, they cannot or will not travel to get support, families with young children do not have the money to get a bus, when you are in a low mood with baby blue the idea of walking miles to get help would put any mother off. There are so many services that Linaker have provided that have helped me through both of my pregnancies and early years that just simply will not be available or accessible under these new proposals.

Linaker Children's Centre as a main base.

Linaker as a main base.

The Atkinson centre could be developed as a 'front door to family wellbeing services. These services do not necessarily need to be located in the same building as there is a perceived (by families) stigma attached to 'having to access social care' having a front door e.g. a separate door into the Atkinson would allow families to be triaged - signposted to relevant services but would also allow families in crisis somewhere to access help immediately. Ideally Linaker Children's Centre should be developed as the main Family Wellbeing Centre but high risk families requiring contacts should be seen in another building because of the school location.

If Cambridge closed I wouldn't travel to any other children's centre.

It will be difficult for people to access.

Don't get rid of first steps it's an amazing place with fantastic staff.

I feel the proposals will dilute the offer. Family centres are currently used for crisis management when things have gone badly wrong and the focus will change in my opinion because there will be more emphasis on the critical cases and less on the families who are beginning to struggle.

I think this puts too much pressure on specific centres and see nothing wrong with the current model.

Springwell is a well-run centre which I have just started going to. LCC took my job and now you are proposing to take a centre where I feel at home + comfortable in. I can't drive and I

don't have a clue as to where those centres are. It already takes me 20 minutes to get to Springwell. Find the money from somewhere else and leave it ALONE!!

Springwell is local and easy for people to get to. It offers excellent support to locals in bootle. it is well run and organised and should be made a main base.

WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN SEAFORTH AS LOCAL TO ME

The north centre location proposal is not safe nor suitable for women and young children. Taking services from established and well-used local centres and moving them to such a shabby badly positioned and unsafe place would be a disgrace and put people 'at risk'. Location for this needs urgent review and changes must be made to this proposal.

I am happy to bring my child to linaker children centre, if we lose linaker children centre I will lose my confidence and be very sad and they help me a lot.

1. Atkinson its the best and closest to town and perfect for parents. Its also nice and friendly.
2. On Talbot street there is no parking and rooms are not nice. 3. this place its the most suitable for everyone and if it will be moved i'm not gonna attend place on Talbot street.

keep all clinics.

please keep centres the way they are!!!

it was useful and close to my area. Go xxx child and get support you need.

keep Seaforth Childrens centre.

Too hard to get to people would not be able to attend and would miss out please keep seaforth + litherland!!

I feel that this would affect our children, not many people would travel to other locations, need maximum locations especially in deprived areas.

I like Seaforth children center because is close to where I live. Provides great service for children and parents i will be disappointed if is going to change.

Linaker childrens centre

Since my XXXX was born (2015) we were successfully using Seaforth Children Centre. We will miss lots of services and activities for our future child. I would hate the fact that my little one can't have active developments. I wish this service to carry on and support families and children.

Keep services as they are. The Atkinson Parenting2000

I think combining these centres will leave some parents / grandparents etc isolated as they may not be able to get to the other centres or afford public transport. Also these centres may get too packed and have to turn people away and thats not fair.

Somewhere that is accesable to all local parents

I don't feel that Talbot street is a safe, both structurely and with the clients attending. Leave services as they are!

Seaforth children centre is more local other centres maybe too far to go.

Seaforth needs to remain in Seaforth

i think the family centre in Southport should stay at Talbot street it in a great place out the way and ive been going there for 30 years. I have a good relationship with most staff there and if I need anything I always know I can go there.

Feel should have separate service for babies young children and young adults need a service. I am unable to access other centres due to distance Cambridge childrens centre has a positive impact on the bootle community. I have talked to parents who would be isolated without this service understand need for money saving but sometimes cutting essential services can have a detrimental effect on children and families emotional social + physical wellbeing. Would like to thank Cambridge centre for incredible support access baby massage swim exercise classes H.V.W + drop in midwife consultation.

I think that one centre cant provide a quality service to so many children and family's.

i use linakers centre and the Atkinson for all play groups and baby clinics therefore if they were closed I would not have any access to either in future.

I am a grandmother who has a grandson one day a week, Cambridge rd is ideal for location and time, the staff and facilities are great

I don't agree as any other centre is to far away. Cambridge should stay were it is as it is local for struggling family and the centre is a great help.

AS A GRANDPARENT I LOOK AFTER MY GRANDSON CAMBRIDGE RD IS IDEAL FOR WHERE WE LIVE EXCELLENT CARE & STAFF ARE VERY GOOD & PROFESSIONAL. DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THIS CENTRE.

linaker children centre is very important for my location. it doesn't need to be moved.

Cambridge Rd

Prefer to use Cambridge

Cambridge is so close & well used, think it would effect a lot of families to lose this place

I specifically use Canning Road as it's close by to my home and I take my 3 year old and 8 month old to groups here. The Atkinson I feel is a fantastic central location allowing me to also combine groups I attend with borrowing books.

Cambridge Rd is a great centre, ideal location and staff are very good, very friendly and lots for the kids to do

leave services as they are.

centres should be kept open as they are. perhaps if managers didn't take such a big pay-rise this would help to keep centres open.

SOUTH- WATERLOO MAIN HUB SHOULD BE DELIVERY POINT, CAMBRIDGE WOULD BE IDEA AS BOOTLE IS IN HIGHER NEED THAN WATERLOO OR MARIE CLARKE

families who have in the past been involved with social care will feel uncomfortable about accessing Talbot street. Families who have not attended through social care will associate it with social care, so Linaker will be an ideal location.

Linaker

Cambridge center

Cambridge children center should be the main for south as I use this center every week

I don't feel Talbot street is a suitable building because of location and considering it was supposed to be demolished years ago.

Why cut these services at all? these are key to our community.

I would rather it being Cambridge children's centre because all my children have attended there and it has been running for years I also done a maths and English course a few years ago and all of the things they have running I also enjoy doing the keep fit every Tuesday morning which I really enjoy.

It is the reduction of facilities that I have a problem with. Any move from my local children's centre would be a problem.

Don't want an alternative to Cambridge road without this me and my family would lose a vital part to our life. We value the staff the centre provide us with so much. I've come here nearly six years and the services provided have been second to none.

Cambridge is widely used in an area which has higher depravity-if this is only used as a complementary base without some of the activities that currently run, and without the ease of access to support that is currently there, this could be detrimental to some families and to the area.

Not local

How can you take away childrens centres who offer vital care courses & services in the most deprived areas and put them in places too far for parents to access and cannot reach.

it No good the Area which the centres may be placed

Keep Cambridge where it is, as its local ad easier for people from the sarounding area to get to

I believe Cambridge Should be a main base as its needed much more as its in a more deprived Area.

I feel seaforth is a main centre for family support, emotional wellbeing and child development. I direct local families for food bank vouchers quite regularly and those families would not be able to afford to travel to waterloo or marie-clarke. The services offered at seaforth are invaluable to the most vulnerable members of society.

To Far out

I just think if there wasn't a base I seaforth the other options would be too far out. I can comfortably walk to seaforth and wouldn't waste my money to go elsewhere on bus.

Cambridge is an area of high deprivation not waterloo. Also there is no parking/poor parking. Area's of deprivation need to be considered as vulnerable families will not travel far to access support, these barriers need to be considered. Also would not want to attend family centre for 'parent toddler or early intervention groups'.

I would only use seaforth because I have 2 young children. I would have to travel on a bus so I would cost money and my daughter is in nursery so I wouldn't be able to go, so both the kids would miss out.

Too far for parents/carers to travel to who can't drive and can't afford public transport.

seaforth is easy to travel to as I wouldn't be able to travel far as seaforth is an amazing place for the community.

Springwell is in the heart of Bootle and its surrounding area. It covers such a wide area around the school and there is nothing else like it available here. Ridiculous!!!

as only one to travel to is seaforth

Cause parents and carers wont be able to access these services in Netherten as some don't drive.

seaforth

we need to stay at springwell!

seaforth childrens centre in my opinion is a vital service needed for local people and there families in an area where most mums don't drive and there is high unemployment seaforth childrens centre is a must for the community.

Springwell childrens centre is very well ran + organised. I feel comfortable with the centre + think it should be a main base.

all proposed bases will be to far for me to travel as I have triplets and wouldn't be able to get to any.

Springwell Park is very beneficial to local families in the community and it holds lots of family events during the school holidays for the kids/ and academic events for adults during school term.

Walking distance for a lot of people that come and use the facilities meet up. I met several people from Springwell community school which have become friends, my son has made friends also, it also gets me out as I was lonely, so not get out and meet friends

NONE OF THE ABOVE ARE WITHIN EASY ACESS, SPRINWELL IS AN IDEAL LOCATION

should be somewhere to access in seaforth

BENEFITS ME FOR EXERCISES (CAMBRIDGE)

seaforth

No I feel this isn't enough, I no families who have 4 children under 4 and struggle to get the hubs above they need this kind of place closer and easy for them to get to I feel this would impact them as whole as a family.

I have four children under 4 currently do to social service we have to participate in multiple groups and spend most days at the camerige sentre I would not make the above as they will cost me money or take over an ht for me to walk and my children couldn't make the distice therefore failing my plan by social care and making my life harder and goal unreachable I feel

local centre for local people.

local facilities for local families. Keep the Cambridge centre its a good base for Bootle which is a huge area to cover! Keeps a community in touch with one another.

Springwell should be the main base. I would feel isolated if I could not attend springwell even if it is to just pop in a see a friendly face. I have suffered from severe depression and the springwell staff have been the ones who have got me through very bad times. I have attended Netherton cc once and it wasn't a pleasant experience and not one I would like to repeat. This proposal will be detrimental to local families and its sad that the council can

even propose this and also try to make it out like nothing will change or even be better! Its sad that you think parents will not see through this.

I run a very successful fitness session with Cambridge centre, which has a positive effect on the community.

I believe that there should be more local bases. It can be isolating being a new mum & I found having local centres extremely helpful for my mental health and babies development.

I like springwell as my main centre as I can walk to it and when I am back in work my mum can also walk here with the baby, it is very clean and the staff are so helpful. I use springwell twice a week and I want to continue to use it in the future, if I didn't go here I wouldn't know how to entertain my 5 month old.

Thornton

due to not being able to drive, I find I would not be able to attend, I find the services at Cambridge childrens centre excellent and a wide range of things to do.

Cambridge centre

I live 10 minutes walk from children's centre. When my daughter was a baby I benefited a lot with the toddler groups, baby massage, food and budget and safety home equipmeny. as a single parent I have benefit from these groups a lot.

CHILDREN'S CENTRES ARE ESSENTIAL AND SHOULD REMAIN WITHIN ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IT'S A FALSE A FALSE ECONOMY TOWT EARLY YEAR SERVICES.

springwell only

springwell

springwell is in the south why has it changed - netherton is too far away.

Waterloo- parking issues Netherton-

I would find it difficult travelling much further to netherton with 2 small child by public transport. I also would struggle with the costs.

Thornton should be a main base as it is between waterloo + Netherton & is accesable to the wider community

lave it as it is

current offer

For my main base I would want this to be based at Springwell as this is within walking distance. To access Netherton, I would need to travel further and use public transport which would be stressful with a baby.

services will be reduced. the building is not appropriate remaining at Linaker. No parking facilities for those that drive.

I think it is important when children and parent can so safe in lesson. also drop off babies and don't worry about them till parent learn new skills.

Linaker CC I can drop in crèche my child and attend the courses. Good location, car parking is provided, all rooms are clean and got all necessary stuff, got all equipment.

The fact I don't live anywhere near these + I don't know where they are apart from Springwell. It is a lovely well run centre, KEEP IT OPEN!!

No where near where I live to take my grandchildren. Springwell is closest to me and I have no idea where these sites are. You should just leave a well run centre alone and let children enjoy the place centre.

Linaker's children centres close to my house and the hours are good for me.

there are other locations / buildings in the local areas that are no longer in use ie. church buildings etc. that could be used as potential family wellbeing centres.

I am based in Sefton but Springwell is my nearest Sefton nursery. I don't know any of these sites and to be honest I don't know why you can't just leave a perfectly well run nursery alone. It is upsetting to think I have just got the confidence to go and you are proposing to take it away.

Netherton is not in walking distance to attend This would leave me isolated as I would not be able to use the centre of services in Netherton

To far to walk

I use this centre because my grandchildren are from the area and use the centre on a daily basis.

Springwell is a well run centre which I have just started going to. LCC took my job and now you are proposing to take a centre where I feel at home + comfortable in. I can't drive and I don't have a clue as to where those centres are. It already takes me 20 minutes to get to Springwell. Find the money from somewhere else and leave it ALONE!!

Keep at Linaker Childrens Centre

I wouldn't want to have to go to a different place as I'm comfortable with this place, I suffer with anxiety and this is quite welcome and relaxes with me, I've got to know staff here and where I can share my worries with and worries for when my baby will be here.

Linaker NEEDS TO STAY END OF!

Childrens Linkaker Centre Because it is more easy accesses to do course, and for the girls I'm on English/ maths with more pleasant and surroundings

There are other locations around Waterloo to do stuff but I feel very comfortable going to Waterloo centre and talking to the staff and other people there. also other locations are expensive and I can't afford it. It would put stress on me and my family.

Concern around capacity of centres to deal with amount of users- Talbot St is always over crowded- as is Marie Clarke and Seaforth- would complementary bases be open all day and appropriately staffed? Maghull is very isolated for people/parents who don't drive.

YES BUT KEEP THE STFF AT THORNTON. I USE OTHERS AND FIND THEM TO BE THE BEST.

I would like Freshfield to stay as a main base with lots of activities for people in Formby
Waterloo

Childrens centres should stay within easy + local access to retain use and support families.

would prefer main base for central be Litherland childrens centre

Linaker provides us with everything we need, and we come together and help each other out. we have good parking and staff.

only go to Litherland I am in Litherland Moss school. Childrens centre helped me make friends and learn lots and have lots of fun.

don't agree with Netherton really bad area for gangs people won't feel comfortable in going into this area.

I agree but only if Talbot St family centre is a continued function of what it already is as a main base.

no, keep childrens centres as they are!! Our children are happy & settled, Parents are happy. Take money off other things! Not our centres!!!

Seaforth family centre to remain open as a space.

I like Seaforth family centre. I've been going there on + off for 20 years. It's familiar and full of friendly staff.

I feel that the proposed main bases are too small, particularly Waterloo. I feel that more information should be given about places changing before people agree to these - eg. Seaforth is a good centre - how would this change?

my children know staff and know the centres and these will change. Change might make it harder for people to get there.

having smaller bases spread out would be useful so that people can travel if they don't have a car. Seaforth - if its not broke, don't fix it and this place has been open for years.

I am used to going to seaforth children's centre and know all the staff. All the staff are nice and it would be hard for me to get used to the change.

would rather have in litherland easier to park and can walk there

more activities and services are at seaforth and these wouldn't fit into waterloo which is too small. It Marie Clarke and Cambridge were chosen there wouldn't be a centre local to me. Seaforth is situated ideally for links to nursery.

Keep Litherland childrens centre as a main base

No changes to be made

no changes Happy How it is.

The regions of North, South + Central seem to be very spread out. The vulnerable families who may not have access to a car, may become isolated if services are cut at their local 'complementary' base.

seaforth family centre.

I want keep seaforth childrens centre and family support. I like it the kids like it. Its easy to get to. It's easy to get to. It's brilliant in there. My kids need it for them to develop and socialize, we get a lot of support there. Walking waterloo and Marie Clarke are too far but I would go to Marie Clarke.

I think seaforth centre should stay open its a lovely nursery, where my child attended and wouldn't of reached her milestones without their support.

Waterloo being a main base because its going threw a childrens playground. I want a centre in the Waterloo area I like Waterloo and Seaforth.

seaforth need to stay its in a very deprived area and lots of familys depend on this centre its are childrens future in your hands and use are takeing the only recorces away from us.

seaforth is close to a lot of people and gives support to them with their children, people have limited/ no money to get out & this is the closest place for them to go.

Need my centre open as it is now and the support the centre gives me and my family and friends

Litherland Children Center should Be Main Based

I don't drive & I wouldn't walk my children to Netherton with all the gangs that hang round in the square! Litherland Moss is a new building and there are no gangs that hang around that area. I feel that you will lose a lot of families if this centre is closed! Especially families that need it the most & won't take their children to Netherton area!

Because no certainty is given for 'South' - Seaforth may change. Don't be so arrogant as to provide a document that shows clearly that your 'proposals' are not absolute themselves. For us to have confidence in you - you need to show you have confidence in your abilities.

all children's centres should be local so everyone can access them. People living around maghull may not be able to get to Netherton to access services. Having one main base will make children centres less friendly to make connections with staff.

I believe it would be better to keep the services the way they currently are. We use a lot of their services & the staff are so good.

because for people who aren't local won't be as willing to go. will be too much of an effort to go, which will isolate a lot of families.

Hudson is vital to the community. Hopefully the service will not be reduced.

More local bases so can walk

I WANT MY SERVICES TO REMAIN .

keep our local children centre and staff there.

Feel comfortable & safe in children centre. Important part of how far I have come on my journey is down to the relationship I have with staff.

would be too far for people to travel to

this is going to cut off a lot of new mums access to a local centre - mums that are unable to drive.

it's not local, therefore not easily accessible for parents in the community who can't drive & need to get out asap!

we need as many as possible for mums dads and babies to attend as some mums don't drive and centres can get overfilled very quickly.

Thorton Childrens centre is a great place to access support/services In addition to Waterloo in the Borough.

the baby advice / group and support has been so valuable I would worry mis would be lost?

Firstly, so many essential opportunities are going to be lost by the conversion of these services. Furthermore, many of these are based on the grounds of schools (mainly Primary) and I feel that this may potentially create safeguarding risks to the pupils of the schools.

I think Waterloo and Thorntons play centre should stay

N/A

KEEP THE CENTRES OPEN!!!

Waterloo children's centre is ideal for people who live from further afield. Easy access by bus and train. Centre has good space inside and out. Ideal amenities around about.

I think having a LOCAL Children's centre is best parents don't want to travel far

Some are difficult to get to

Leave it as it is. It doesn't need changing. These changes would leave too many families isolated and unable to access much-needed services.

BY CLOSING THE CAMBRIDGE CENTRE AND MOVING IT TO WATERLOO YOU WILL BE RIPPING THE HEART OUT OF THIS COMMUNITY. THE CAMBRIDGE CENTRE IS AN AMAZING PLACE RUN BY WONDERFUL AND HELPFUL STAFF. PLUSHOW WOULD WE GET TO WATERLOO? SIMPLY NOT AN OPTION. RIDICULOUS IDEA AND PLEASE RETHINK

Cambridge Children's Centre (quarry Road)

Cambridge Children's Centre (quarry road)

If I had to travel all the way to Waterloo it would take me over an hour to walk with a double pram that will not fit on a bus. Therefore I would be isolated from receiving help or making new friends. Cambridge should be the Main Base as the whole centre is friendly + welcoming from the reception staff to family support workers to crèche workers. When I have attempted to contact Waterloo to join their activities with a friend I have been told there was a really long waiting list and because I live out of the area I probably wouldn't get on a course. Cambridge have never turned me away and have offered other courses for me to do while I wait if the course I want is full.

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR MY NEEDS

Hudson is my main base and local to me. Staff are lovely and so friendly make you feel so welcome.

Personally I agree with the proposal, but the proposed sites. The locality of Hudson as my main point of access when my children were very young was very important. As a new

parent it gave me an access point & services when overcoming the daunting new role as a parent.

MANY FAMILIES WHO ATTEND THIS CENTRE DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT, THEY WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GET TO NETHERTON (THIS CENTRE BEING IN MAGULL) A SUBSTANSIAL NUMBER OF GRANDPARENTS ATTEND THIS CENTRE WITH THEIR GRANDCHILDREN AS PART OF THEIR ROLE AS CARERS FOR HEIR GRANDCHILDREN WHILST THEIR PARENTS GO TO WORK PAYING X. THIS CENTRE COVERS MAGHULL, AS WELL AS WIDESPREAD OUTLINING AREAS.

WHO DECIDED WHERE THE 'MAIN BASES' SHOULD BE? WHAT WERE THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DECISION? DISABLED ACCESS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, NUMBERS OF FAMILIES AND SUITABILITY OF AREA! TRANSPORT LINKS ALSO.

I have attended Hudson Children's centre for sometime now and have to travel from Aintree because our children's centre was closed. I think that the service should remain as it is and be supporting the local community in our area. It shouldn't be over stretched in the way that is being proposed. Hudson should remain able to provide the wonderful service it does.

CURRENT MAIN BASE IN HUDSON. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET TO NETHERTON

Centres such as Hudson should remain as accessible as they are with the classes and support as it stands. Families with no easy means of transport would struggle to attend and this can lead to people falling off the radar and potentially catastrophic results.

I would prefer the central main base to be Hudson, or at the very least retain all the classes currently at Hudson. particularly stay + play, + baby support classes.

Hudson has a lot of baby's up to children that do come every week. Most of the mums walk and can not travel. For me Maghull is ideal with support they offer, position, friendly girls/staff. All the children love it here and it will lose business if moved. My young children have been here since birth and I want my future children to have the same opportunity here.

I live in Sefton, L10. I don't know where the proposed main base is. Hudson CC is a 5/10 minute drive for me (too far to walk across with island) but being so close to drive to was and is ideal for us and I can't we would be willing to driver far around Sefton and this would severely impact our wellbeing. I am now a stay at home mum too, so the X involved in this also is not ideal. I've found Hudson CC imperative to my mental health as a new mum, and the development of my little boy.

there are already not enough places in Maghull for young children - cut backs to playgroups eh/ support services - and yet we have an ever increasing population and the idea that we have to travel further afield is utterly unfair to those in the area who rely on these families.

Melling, Aintree?

Hudson as a main base. we really like attending classes and being greeted by friendly faces! please don't take this childrens centre away from us. It is integral to the community and our childrens development.

PEOPLE WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL. FAMILIES DO NOT NEED ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS. HUDSON FAMILIES COME FROM A LARGE REACH AND DON'T NEED TO TRAVEL ANY FURTHER.

Feel much more at home at Hudson as staff very friendly and helpful ALSO very local to me.

In principle, however, how are the families going to travel to the new bases if they have been used to a venue closer to home? Is there an easy transport link from previous venues to new location? Is this something that could be considered?

there is no mention of the change in services, say the proposal goes ahead. Creates the illusion that there will be no major changes.

Netherton childrens centre & the grange

Need my local centre to be accessible and within walking distance.

Hudson is to far for me as I don't drive and if I take children with me be far to far also wouldn't be able to access anything by time got there be finished what went to do there.

we live in maghull and access to other centres can be difficult if you don't drive.

NETHERTON IS IDEAL PLACE.

the areas too wide for people who cant drive especialy for perents with children with SEN such as autism. Public transport isn't available to get to some sights.

areas too far apart especially parents with children with SEN. Who don't drive our children often cant cope on public transport. Public transport is not available for all centres proposed.

Our kids aren't able to cope on public transport too far away.

NETHERTON childReNs CENTRE

netherton's children centre

childrens centres need to be within walking distance and none od the above are.

I think the centres need to be accessible/walking distance

THE LOCATIONS DONT BOTHER ME BUT I KNOW OTHERS THAT WILL STRUGGLE WITH RESTRICTING LOCATIONS.

We need services to remain local and within walking distance since a lot of parents who attend the childrens centres do not drive.

If there is no other choice but closure.

Freshfield should be a main base as too far for families to travel to other nearest bases.

Freshfield should be a main base for the local area.

Freshfield should be a main base. So many people use it and it is easy to access for all.

freshfield childrens centre

no I love the seaforth one. My kids love it.

its easier for me to get to centre where it is.

seaforth needs its own centre. Some carers/ parents may find it difficult to access centres more than a mile away. Therefore some people who need the service will stop using. I feel that this can only have a detrimental effect on the entire community, but most importantly on vulnerable people who need their help.

Seaforth Centre is communities lifeline. It can not be changed!

Seaforth as one of the main bases.

Talbot street or parenting 2000

I think they should stay as they are. This is a very valuable resource and the most vulnerable families will suffer if they cannot access a local centre.

I feel that Marie Clarke fc should be the base for the south area. A lot of families aren't professionals use the centre for various things. A lot of families do not drive so it will be hard for them to get to Waterloo or any further locations. It would be setting families up to fail and non engagement will set in which will impact on children and young people. And for people who drive, parking their cars will be extremely difficult for them @ waterloo centre.

my children regularly use seaforth childrens centre for multiple reasons. I have four boys, two of which are on ASD pathways, possibly my youngest also. Moving to a different centre, also with new people would cause a huge amount of anxiety and stress, not just to my children but myself included. It has taken a long time for my children, myself included, to have to confidence to feel settled in this centre.

seaforth should be considered for a family well being centre. Waterloo is such a small centre that it should not be considered, also it is attached to a primary school.

seaforth should stay, would have to pay out for bus or taxis if going to others we have nothing else in seaforth we could go to would not make it back for school pick up. The

children from different schools wouldn't mix which would have a great effect on well being on both adults parents and children. We will probably be more divided from litherland, Netherton once new road divides us from other communities through rimrose families.

kings meadow ainsdale st johns farnboroug road linaker primary Methodist church Liverpool road Not everyone can get to Talbot street nor are the premisis large enough for everyones needs. There is meant to be 1 childrens centre per 1000 children already sefton this not public these requirements.

families will not access Talbot street site. It is vital linaker freshfield and Farnborough kings meadows are open for local families run by staff familiar to families in those areas.

should be access to all no matter were you live

WE USE TALBOT STREET + LINKAKER STREET REGULARLY TO COMBINE THE TWO WOULD MEAN LOSING SERVICES WHICH HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE ANYMORE LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE. INFACET EMPLOY MORE STAFF AT TALBOT STREET. THEY ARE IN NEEDED.

TALBOT STREET IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEOPLE THAT USE OR HAVE USE FOR IT. SERVICES HAVE BEEN REDUCED DUE TO STAFF REDUCTION. THEREFORE SOME SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ON OFFER. LINKAKER IS A VITAL CENTRE FOR ITS OWN REASONS AND IS MUCH NEEDED AND USED. YOU CANNOT COMBINE THE TWO WITHOUT LOSING MORE VITAL SERVICES.

north location need to be in more vulnerable area of sefton ie highpark etc.

no access, if family shares a car, we are stuck! Linaker is such a good location. Cannot believe the cuts have reached childrens centres! such because we are doing OK doesn't mean we don't need groups and support - that's why we are coping at the moment - going to Linaker keeps me and my family same! Please do not take it away from us!

I w would be crucial to close Linaker's building or leave It open as a complimentary as it plays such a huge part in this community! I have got so many friends who were helped by Linkaker Staff- could not praise it enough!

WHY ARE YOU MOVING LINKAKER

Wasn't Talbot St condemed a few years ago? Who would attend a dangerous building?

the linaker centre is in walking distance to my home. It would be a lot harder for me to have to go further to get my son weighed, which may result in me not going as often as I should.

I DONT THINK ITS A GOOD IDEA TO MOVE LINKAKER TO TALBOT STREET. IT IS GREAT WERE IT IS. I HAVE SEEN TALBOT STREET BUILDING AND I WOULDNT TAKE MY CHILDREN AND MY NEW BABY IN THERE

Quite happy with services how they are.

Talbot street - no parking limited spaces and access. Not practical. Old building, not appropriate

I think to emerge these locations and base them in Talbot Street would be failing the whole aspect of childrens services. It's less accesible, not in a nice area at all. I'd like to know why tis is the choice of proposed location.

3 hubs in whole sefton?! what kind of community we will have in 5 years if the nice things are cut out! it will be all about social acre but the damage is detrimental

I DON'T AGREE WITH THESE PROPOSALS BECUASE FOR ONE YOU HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE, SPRINGWELL IS AN AMZING CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND I FOR 1 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SERVICES IF BASED IN NETHERTON WITH HAVING 2 CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER. I THINK YOU ARE CUTTING THE WRONG AREAS, YOU ARE CUTTING DOWN ON AREAS THAT NEED IT THE MOST.

I enjoy attending my local children's centre (springwell park) as it is local to me and has great facilities as well as lovely staff.

DO NOT FEEL THE PROPOSALS OUTLINES WHAT SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH BASE. TO ENABLE ME TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE. I WOULD AGREE WITH THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IF IT MEANS MY LOCAL CHILDRENS CENTRE CONTINUES TO RECEIVES MORE SERVICES THAT IT CURRENTLY DOSE.

Our childrens centres are excellent as they are, Please do not cut services. If springwell wasn't to run I would have to walk 45 minutes to my next nearest centre with 3 young children under 6 who would suffer adversely.

I am however very concerned that the children's centre at Linkaker will close I would not wish to go to Talbot street.

As long as Linaker stays delivering the amazing services they do at present, and the amazing staff stay also.

I can not agree with the proposals as you do not say which services will be offered at the main bases or complimentary bases and which services will be cut! More information needed!

R.e. Linaker Childrens Centre. I do not understand why you wish to move the centre to Talbot st. Parking is very limited there. The centre works well at Linkaker- "if its not broke then don't fix it"

You'd lose a lot of services as its to out of the way

What is best for the school, community- giving parent local availability.

Stay where it currently is, where people know it is!

I found the support from Linaker invaluable at a time I needed it the most. I do not agree with the proposals.

LINAKER CHILDRENS CENTRE

I've had plenty of support from linkaker street, always there for anyone Talbot st was condemned building but why is it ok now? no parking for parents with kids

As a user of Canning Road, High park and also a Childcare provider in this area. I know this is a vital area of Southport needing a centre that can be walked to by families in the area specifically. Those proposed bases are not easy to access and I believe would not provide the correct support and services.

There is a need for provision in the Churchtown X, High Park, X areas of sort that parents can walk to.

I have heard that he family centre is for families with a social worker- this is no different from my needs- however Linaker is essential to my wellbeing.

I don't agree with the proposals I am very worried about the loss of Linaker childrens centre. I would never want to go to Talbot Rd for support- that place has bad memories for me.

Yes if the main base is at Linaker. No if the main base is at Talbot street.

However I am worried about what will happen & Linaker Childrens Centre. This a valuable community resource & I think people will suffer if this closes.

To have three centres for Southport when at the moment there are 6 with the X. To also increase the age range of the centres seems too much. Talbot street is not a pleasant area for children with needs+ what happens if X X at Linaker?

Feel there should be more than 1 centre (main) in the 'central' area. This area services a lot of people.

As long as Springwell stays this area needs it!

Stay at Springwell

Springwell park is my local centre, also attached to nursery + school. If it was closed I effectively would have to give up work as I couldn't get my child picked up from Nursery.

I am unable to travel to Netherton I can easily walk to Springwell park.

seaforth childrens centre is in an area of extremely high deprivation which would result in an increase of mental health issues and isolation.

I currently walk to freshfield centre. I would have to rely on public transport to get to other main centres. This is far from *** in the winter months when travelling with a child.

Cant get to Netherton. Stay at Springwell

To stay at Springwell

Springwell needs to stay open as it's only round the corner from me and I won't travel anywhere else.

Only go to Springwell

TOO FAR FROM SPRINGWELL TO GET ANYWHERE ELSE. SPRINGWELL IS MY CENTRE AND I WILL ONLY GO THERE.

I feel seaforth would be beneficial as a base as it is in the heart of a deprived area.

PROVIDED LINAKER CENTRE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BASE ^ IS NOT CLOSED DOWN. IMPORTANT TO KEEP CLOSE LOCAL LINKS TO COMMUNITY.

I would/can only access Netherton children's centre due to my emotional and mental health.

we need the local centre in caradoc road we have few areas for such support in seaforth.

travel too far

money difficulties would make it impossible to get to other centers

seaforth is needed. People with family needs/ mental health needs deserve a local and easy accessible centre.

this centre in seaforth is well needed.

I can't travel due to finance and would only attend NCC.

All children centres should be kept as childrens centres

Some of the areas are considerable distance for some mums/parents. Timetables would mean I would not be able to get to classes due to working hours/school times etc.

nethtin children senter.

there should be a main base in Formby and I am quite shocked that one hasn't been proposed.

I think if you would to close this centre you would cause more problems as people wouldn't travel else where as money cost an in this area people don't have it.

Seaforth - its an area with an extreme need for a well being centre. This is provided as it stands. The area is an area of extreme poverty, many children who need interventions in place, need them locally to them. It is provided in seaforth NOW.

freshfield as a main base

seaforth childrens centre is centrally and ideally located to provide the support our local families need. It appears that families need more support and if that support is moved away from the area, families will become more isolated and support will not be local and the community feel will not be available to children/ families. It is essential that seaforth stays in the area to support children and families.

I do not know the area I know seaforth childrens centre and feel comfortable attending there. My family have been supported with mental health, education for my son who refused to attend, 2 yr offer, benefits and getting back into work, childs health needs and fleeing domestic violence.

Seaforths childrens centre local, central to childs school. Staff know the area and are friendly. If I didn't go seaforth I would not be were I am now. I have just started a job, im much more confident as a person and a parent.

don't understand. but it would be better staying here, the staff our helpful in everyway.

seaforth and springwell and litherland should be main base - as they are very deprived areas - many people don't drive - few other facilities in them areas.

seaforth and litherland need to be main bases alongside Netherton, springwell and Cambridge due to the vulnerable areas and families not driving so will not be able to get to centres further away.

needs to be in the same centre cant travel need services in one place!!

I suffer from a lot of back pain and find it difficult to walk distances. Also I have to stay very close the school as my youngest child has a lot of problems mentally with school and I need to be able to go and get her at moments notice.

Netherton children centre as it is easy accessible to me and my family

Netherton Children Centre.

I crnt get to other centres as travel is difficult, this is my main centre and I use it everyday.

I cannot travel to other centres. I walk everywhere with my 3 children.

I RELY ON NETHERTON CHILDRENCE CENTRE FOR SUPPORT+ HELP. IT'S CLOSER TO WERE I LIVE AND MORE APPROPRIATE.

the more help for the community the better

LIMITING MAIN SERVICES TO ONLY 3 MAIN CENTRES, IS ALIENATING THOSE FAMILYS MOST IN NEED. THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE MOST NEEDED SERVICES, WHICH ARE OFFERED BY LOCAL CENTRE. CENTRES WHICH HAVE BUILT UP A FAMILY FEEL. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DESIGNED THESE PROPOSED CHANGES HAVE OBVIOUSLY NEVER LACKED THE FUNDS TO ACCESS PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHICH IS HOW MANY FAMILIES CURRENTLY LIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS THE CUTS ARE PROPOSED TO HAPPEN.

freshfield centre must stay as it currently is. Formby/ freshfield has nothing as it is, other than childrens centre. if we loose it many vulnerable families will not have the means/ ability to travel and access main base sites.

not everyone will be able to access the main base and it will alienate new mums who need support and be able to meet other people.

would be linaker as proposed main base.

linaker is a fantastic base - why change? how can you possibly continue to offer the same amount of activities in one main base?

south sefton residents need seaforth childrens centre as we have nothing in walking distance to get to the same facilities. Low income families would find it difficult to access facilities in other areas as they are too far away and we would loose our relationship and contacts that we have built up over the years.

Hudson

its not the heart of the community as Hudson is now.

parent may not be able to access programmes or courses if not in local base if they are not car drivers.

Hudson is the main one I use now.

Hudson all the time

Hudson

to far to travel to for me

Don't know what this entails?

I think the childrens centre is one of the best ones there is. I do believe a centre for older would be good as well.

to remain at the Hudson childrens centre.

accessibility is so important and its a far way for young families to go. Makes it more difficult to access services. Surely 1 centre would be over ****. Hudson is a very valuable resource for the community in general. Marrigecare session once a week for relationship counselling. Older members of the community through the u3a have a variety of courses there.

you have failed to provide dear information with regards to what specific services will be provided at main bases and complementary bases therefore I do not feel able to provide my objective viewpoint.

the scaling back of services at Hudson would be detrimental to the local community and accessing services at Netherton would be too far. The danger would be that those who currently benefit from services would cease to use sefton services entirely. This lack of support for parents/ carers would impact families and I strongly oppose the changes proposed.

no close enough

not close enough

as I don't drive I would find it difficult to get to litherland, Thornton and springwell. This is going to isolate and have massive impact on families like mine.

depends what would be based where as I don't drive and have two children of a young age.

needs to be enough venues local to people with limited travel time as it is difficult getting out and about with new baby/ young children.

limiting centres will really affect families

removing centres and creating barriers to accessing ways of support especially post birth is a recipe for increased post natal depression and isolation!

main base don't meet needs of area

childrens centres are vital to new mums and dads and are so helpful and supportive I would be devastated if Hudson went ! What about people who don't drive? they wont access the service! the people who need it wont access it if they cant get there.

too far to travel with costs incurred. Support would no longer be there.

I believe the current position is one which suits the local community in the most effective manner. Any movement and displacement of services causes the risk of lowered quality if provision , access to financing and access generally for the local area.

preferably Farnborough and Kings Meadow

by turning it into a central location the ease of accessibility is very limited and it would get used less. Classes would be harder to get to and oversubscribed if there were any at all.

We would lose our popular centre at Farnborough and its resources for the community.

Limited parking around Talbot Street, therefore unlikely to use with my car. Public transport is also expensive with limited space on the buses for prams. My local train station does not have a lift and so I am not able to use my local train station (without assistance). Ideally I would like to retain access to Farnborough Road (at least) as this is within walking distance of my house.

Local people need a local centre. When I accessed the baby massage sessions I had postnatal depression and walking a few minutes to access this class and the support offered made such a difference I would not have travelled and had the correct support from people I knew and trusted. Not being in place then I am sure it would have been much harder for me to get better.

I would really like to keep Farnborough as a main base as I rely on it and walk to it.

Leave it as it is

Without knowing what services will be offered at the additional bases, the 'yes' has to be qualified as only an 'in principle' agreement.

I value the groups and support from Farnborough, as it's local to me.

A local family centre which is within walking distance of service users is surely more appropriate and well used. Having the various locations that already exist would be the best option to support the community.

Farnborough Road School so I can walk to the children's centre from home.

I don't believe that it's something being wrong with these bases, but that the existing centres are well used and utilised by lots of parents and children and if it becomes one big hub the services will not be as well utilised and lots of parents will be put off by the travelling and there won't be enough room/spaces for the groups.

I can only get to Netherpton children's centre. 3 children - no car

All current centres are used to capacity. To remove any would have a huge knock-on effect to families and communities.

I can not get to complimentary bases so therefore would need services to remain at proposed mainbase

The locations that already stand are great locations.

freshfield family centre to continue providing excellent services with positive outcomes for families.

I am worried that the changes will affect the services I use. Would it be safe? I couldn't access the support I use almost every day on a 9-5 basis. Would the support workers still have time to see me.

leave it how it is!

I do not feel this will be accessible to all. I feel the number of families who are hard to reach will be missed.

Linaker should remain as it is and if needs be that should be the family and well being centre.

not local to me

Talbot street - there are not enough car parking spaces/ facilities therefore parents/ carers might not bother attending. I also feel that Waterloo is in an area where parking is almost impossible.

childrens centres are needed everywhere as some people don't drive. Seaforth children centre needs to be the main base it is very touch with the community and I don't know what I would of don't without this centre, my kids love it.

seaforth to stay open

we shouldn't have to pay for travel when seaforth is in walking distance to everyone living in seaforth and bootle.

I don't think this centre should close, because I shouldn't have to travel with my child!

stay in seaforth

waterloo preference due to location

if the service to families is to cover 0-19 yrs the main base centres should be offering all courses etc otherwise it will just be splitting everything up and defeating the object of bringing everything together.

not if groups stopped

except that I would favour waterloo over Marie Clarke to serve south sefton it being move central and accessible.

but only if universal offer remains

family and childrens centres should not be in the same buildings as schools

I don't agree with my local childrens centre closing and wouldn't feel comfortable using any other service.

thornton children centre

without a car these services will be extremely difficult to access.

I have always used thornton childrens centre, since before my babies were born. It is such a lovely centre and always makes me feel very welcome. Also I can walk to this centre.

think it will eventually run down the other bases and Netherton is not an easy access for families near thornton who currently access the centre. Many walk to our services. We have over 40 people on average sometimes 50 attend. Most walk.

I think it would be better to keep waterloo and thornton centres linked (as a main and complimentary base). Access to both via public transport is viable if you don't have a car and the teams of both already have great cross - base working relationships.

I think we still need the nine additional bases, these centres should be accessible for families.

the childrens centres/ bases should have the same offer/ resources available as they may not all be easily accessible to all.

liked centres @ valewood/ thornton etc

I believe that Talbot street and linaker centres (both which I use) offer very different services and should both be a 'main base' for their services. Both centres, for example, offer a baby group. Myself, my partner and our baby access the group at Talbot street where our supervised contact situation is the norm and moreover we can bond with other parents also going through this difficult circumstance. I would not consider attending the baby group at linaker alongside families who are not involved with childrens services and where we will be judged and will not relate to their conversations. Innocent questions such as 'are you all ready for Christmas' can be hurtful and stress inducing to those who cannot live with their children. The staff and service users at the Talbot street centre evolve around this knowledge.

none of the above are local to me or my child.

Cambridge road need to stay. Being on edge of area.

regarding the south main base (I have more knowledge of this area) surely the main base should be in Cambridge which is a more deprived area. Do you really expect poor people to travel (by expensive public transport) out of the area?

we would have to travel further bus fares/ train fares adding additional cost to our family budget.

it would cost extra financial cost to the family.

distance is a big factor for myself as I have 2 young children. Also confidence and emotional wellbeing attending centre has built up my confidence. I moved here to be by the centre after attending a course and feel supported, however I do not feel confident to access another centre and having to make new relationships. Have good relationships with staff, children get on well and are very happy. Staff are available 5 days a week and offer support and reassurance.

Linaker street - Linaker CC

The present service works well with the bases already in place

The Childrens Centres as they are

Centres should stay the way they are

You can't ask me to agree when you have 'or' in there. I don't really understand how with all those complimentary bases geographically it's that diff to the current set up other than your combining family centre services with children's centre services in one place?

The locations as they are currently work well for sefton families - they are local and easily accessible and offer a full range of services. To make Waterloo a main base for services 0 - 19 would not work as it is at the front of a primary school - there could be safeguarding issues.

Keep Linaker Children's centre!!! Great access, well looked after, very inviting, best location out of all, superb staff, feel very welcome on every visit, clean, great resources, lots of thought goes in every session, very informative, could not praise enough!

Keep Linaker Children's Centre on existing site.

Southport. Linekar is such a great main base and The Atkinson is a great satellite due to central location and multi purpose faculty that introduced children to the arts and literature at a young age simply by attending CC groups. Plus the summer activities at The Atkinson were fabulous this yr

Talbot street is not a nice area locally and very undesirable

Big issues in Southport include the cost and access to parking. Ancebtre ould need to allow people to park for free. This would ensure the centres are used throughout all seasons. Both Linaker and Kings Meadow offer different classes that are tailored for all groups of society. These need to remain accessible for all.

If you were to remover centres then a lot of families are going to struggle to get to the main centres

The Atkinson and Canning Road are easily accessible for parents that may not be able to reach other locations. Loosing the services at these locations will see a lot of families put in a vulnerable position and will find it more difficult to access services in other locations.

Reason I am so easily able to access the children's' centres is their slightly out of town locations which are close to public transport and yet remain parking friendly. I would be very very unlikely to access town centre location with the added parking cost and logistics as parking half way across town plus the baby would make the service inaccessible.

Talbot Street in a difficult place to identify unless you have been involved with social care already you would not know it exists - The front of the Atkinson would be a much friendlier and a prime location for the community to see. Waterloo is based within a school and have very limited parking - the school is not an ideal site for services to support vulnerable families eg, youth offending, What is happening to Seaforth?

Linaker street is much more accessible, the staff are fantastic and very helpful.

See above

Keeping all the centre's as they are

I think Linaker should be the main childrens centre for Southport

Keep the services as they are.

South area - the main base in Waterloo seems too far for families in Bootle where the services are probably most needed and it may be difficult to reachout to these families if not all services delivered in delivery points!

I am happy with the ones currently in use at the moment, the Atkinson and canning road.

I would like to see my main centre linaker too stay the same for me, my family and others in the area. It's been such a support to us all. It's a shame it comes down to money not the wellbeing of the families.

To fully agree I would need more information of what would be offered at main base and then complimentary bases to make an informed decision. The main base at Talbot street for example is already very busy and may incur travel difficulties for families. There is also extremely limited parking at this base therefore would present with difficulties for families parking which would incur a cost due to the base being in town centre.

Linaker Children's Centre is the heart of it's community, it is well established and has a reputation amongst parents and partners for providing outstanding support. The Children's Centre environment removes barriers to access and engagement. Families can attend sensitive/personal services confidently. The same cannot be said for Talbot Street family centre, the families who attend Talbot Street do so as part of a C.P/CIN plan, they do not

attend through choice. Talbot Street has a stigma attached to it which is widely known across the north of the borough and families would not choose to take their children there. Services should be left at Linaker Children's Centre or moved to the Atkinson where Linaker already has a delivery base.

One of the most vulnerable areas in the country is Bootle. Life expectancy is far below national average, to name one of the awful health inequalities. I feel the Main Base for South Sefton should be Cambridge CC. I also feel as Springwell is in Bootle that they should be classed as South not Central. Most of my families live in Bootle and access Springwell CC.

Linaker should be the lead sight with the atkinson & canning road remaining as complimentary sights

I do not want my local centre to be lost

Why can't linaker stay the same everyone I know goes there. I'm not going to Talbot street it's horrible

Canning Road provides for the north end of southport. Expecting deprived families to travel from Crossens or high park is frankly ridiculous. I am lucky that I have a good job and a car to travel to children's centres, but to achieve your principles you need improve access and not restrict it. Also having a centre in talbot st and then an outreach 5 minutes walk away is useless!

Churchtown area (Southport)

It is important to think of vulnerable families in terms of how will people reach the centres, what are they used for, how many attend and how regularly. I think the biggest Centres in Southport such as Linaker and First Steps in Southport should remain as they are as they accessed widely by many families and professionals such as myself.

CANNING ROAD for churchtown area!!!

The North sites are all very close together and difficult to access. There is nothing for north of Southport town centre. I used to use your centre on Mornington Road (P2000) as it was possible to park nearby. When I have a small child (and I am due a baby soon), I have mobility issues and am unable to walk far - none of the proposed sites would be accessible to me. P2000 was a lifesaver to me with my last child - I would be lost without similar support next year. Is the Atkinson site to be lost? That has no parking, but at least is on many bus routes and has a cafe so the journey can be broken up for me.

Having 3 main bases absolutely has the potential to isolate many families who do not drive and may have limited funds to access public transport. This immediately puts the most vulnerable families in our area at a disadvantage. Talbot Street is not a particularly inviting building and it is not in the nicest of areas. Marie Clarke is also not a nice building.

Children's services need to be local to the community., NOT centralised in unpleasant buildings miles from home.

Would prefer to keep the main base in Linaker

How can you agree to something that is not set out clearly? As long as 'may have a different offer' is not defined and that vague I am not happy with the proposal as I am not sure what I am agreeing to! I also fear that one big base will only delay the access to services. I would have accessed more offers from the children's centre in the past 12 months but almost everything where booking was necessary had a lengthy waiting list. How can that improve when there are less centres?

I would like Linaker to stay as it is it has been a god send to me

Sensory room in Thornton and staff in are extremely supportive

More local & parking available as cost in town

Cambridge children's centre

The facilities at canning road and the Atkinson should remain

I currently attend linaker children's centre and their outreach bases. Although the outreach is great I still feel reassured that if I need anything at all then I can turn up at linaker anytime of the day and know I can get support. I know of Talbot st family centre, know what it is used for and some of the challenging people that are there because they have to be. I would not subject my children to that environment. Not only is the building appressive, dark any unwelcoming but parking is an issue, the type of people hanging around the entrance smoking, swearing is very intimidating and frankly I do not feel safe there. I do have experience of that building from a few years back when my friend had no choice but to use it for her disabled child to access respite. Staff were lovely but the other parents were not the type of people she would have chosen to mix with. Why not leave linaker where it is but scale down some of what is offered. Why reinvent the wheel, you can't reinvent an atmosphere, amazing staff that really knows it's community and a purpose built building it doesn't make sense to me. Linaker already work outreach, have it as the first port of call maybe shorter hours open but people feel safe there. It's so convenient for school drop of and pick up and parking is available. I think it would be a travesty if this were not existing as a centre only as a place of delivery.

I do think that there are alot of mums who have attended groups at the likes of lunaker Cc i know i have yet have never set foot in talbot street in 4.5 years. From booking in with midwife, to baby weigh in, baby massage, baby muindful, play to learn, to name a few groups attended just at Linaker by me & my boys. I do think that Talbot street would feel very alien to most mums, having been to KM, Farnborough & Linaker I've never heard of

anyone going to talbot street and I do think this would put people off going if this was main base, there's parking to paty for I guess and I personally have no idea where it is

You have to take into account that families currently have Childrens centres on their doorsteps and do not have to travel far to get to a local centre. These main bases would force families to have to travel to access services and I think this will reduce the amount of families accessing essential care and advise. It is so hard getting young babies ready and out of the door and this proposal would make like much more difficult for families, which I understand is not the outcome wanted for families. The help and support staff give is invaluable and lots of families will miss out and suffer if these centres are taken away or moved elsewhere.

Use Cambridge as main centre

Keep all childrens services for Southport at Linaker and the Atkinson. The facilities required for children and babies are very different to those needed for 16-19 year olds, for example.

I feel that Farnborough Road First Steps should remain a main base as it is the local community. It has been a rock for me for the past 3 years and I honestly do not know where I'd be without them. They go above and beyond and provide so much for families in the area. To lose funding and to have services taken away would I feel have a devastating effect on alot of local families and cause alot of upset and distress.

I think this is ridiculous. Having smaller sites means that you see the same people frequently. My children gave friends there that they see regularly the staff know us by name and we know them. We are comfortable there we can walk from our home. It is now linked to our school where my eldest has just started. She knows akor of children dye to the family centre at Farnborough road it is outstanding and should be left alone. Focusing on the children and the parents. I have had post natal depression and do not know what is have done without this service. I would not use a main.hub as it would be too busy

I have used linker children centre for 6 years with my three children going to different courses stay and play sessions music stories and rhyme time amongst other things. I am able to drop in for baby clinics. And fantastic arts and craft days using the local parks. Linker have offered me and my family fantastic support helping me with advice from excellent staff who have good knowledge of what families need .fun play sessions for my children to support them with their development and helps me to meet other parents so I don't feel isolated. I enjoy going to linker I am comfortable going my children are confident knowing the building there going to and have built a relationship with the staff . Which means I know the development will continue to thrive.

For the North HubLinaker should be main base as it is already well established or the Atkinson as this is central

I feel that the current services should stay as they are as the wide range of venues enables more people to access the facilities.

I think the main base for the north area should be Linaker Children's Centre and not Talbot St, because Linaker Children's Centre is more nicer for families especially the children, also easy to access. It's better in every way.

Talbot Street is not a suitable base for a large family wellbeing centre, it is generally disliked and uninviting, there is poor access and limited parking. I would think somewhere like the Houghton Street and Mornington Road sites would be ideal in Southport. In Formby, I see no need to change the current location of the Children's Centre as it is already accessible and the facilities are excellent.

Whilst I agree in theory of the above principles my proposal is that the current local centres remain in place. Talbot Street would also be a very difficult location in terms of parking for service users, visitors and staff.

I would not use a "main base" service. This will be too busy and the personal service of a first steps children centre will be lost.

Surprise Surprise, our money goes to Liverpool again!!!! Absolute disgrace of a council. My children have been visiting our local children's centres for years and now with these proposals you would take these away and have us all relocate for your convenience. The staff do an amazing job and quite frankly you're massively way off the mark by closing their centres. I for one, like so many won't be bothering if you have us relocate.

I like using the different centres on different days. It gives me something to do each day with the baby and time to meet new parents and professionals. I use different centres on different days and I find that the staff recognise me and my baby and know our names. If there were less centres, it would be too busy and I don't feel like we would get as much use or time to spend using the different classes and groups etc.

Some of these centres would be difficult to get to

Smaller groups as they are now are better as staff can focus more on the group, larger groups can cause loss of communication and not delivering the class development program, keep the most popular class that parents are recommending to you

Use of Bootle and Waterloo Town Halls as central locations.

Leave the small children's centres as a separate entity to children aged 5 plus.

Travel is an issue for me as I have anxiety and do not like to travel places I do not know, using the children centre is easier for me and my children also prefer it.

Keep it at Springwell

only happy coming to springwell as know all staff and they help with alot of problems

keep as they are why change what already works.

This is a ridiculous proposal. This is simply not enough. Once again moving facilities away from Southport. Disgusting. Linaker Childrens Centre is vital to our community I visit and use the services at least twice a week, whether it be at the centre itself or at The Atkinson. STOP MOVING FACILITIES AWAY FROM SOUTHPORT. WE PAY OUR TAXES TOO AS WELL AS BOOTLE.

Speaking as a mum of 2 with lots of friends in very similar situation, we only use services that are within walking distance or short driving distances with easy & ample free parking available. A town centre location would almost certainly not be used by myself or my friends, to the detriment of our children's social wellbeing & development & also to our own social & emotional wellbeing. I have over the last 4 years used the services provided at my local children's centre on a weekly basis, what they offer is fantastic. This could not possibly be offered in a central location & it is clear only money is the real issue. Breast start has already been taken from us, don't alienate more families with small children & babies on the basis of the LA not being able to budget!!!! Despicable.

The children are best served by the centres staying as is. There is a localised environment provided a wider Family Wellbeing centre will miss.

As I use Farnborough on a daily basis and certainly wouldn't travel to Talbot st as this would become far too busy and wouldn't fit with my son who is the pre-school at Farnborough,

The Family Centre on Talbot St is an unwelcoming building that would put off the majority of families from accessing the services provided. Families are comfortable accessing their existing Children's Centre. To combine services in a building that is associated with social care will be massively detrimental, and result in those families that need the help the most, missing out. This will cost the council more money in the long run. Keeping services attached to schools makes much more sense. The Talbot Street site is also not easily accessible - there is a total lack of parking, it is too far for much of the area to access and it is so far set back off the road that many have no idea it even exists.

I don't think services should be condensed I have never accessed Talbot street but attend a lot of services linaker street provide! They have a lot of groups on to make them a viable centre in my opinion including allowing other services to make use of their space, for example breastfeeding support Sefton ran training sessions recently there. Any mums I talk to only either use linaker Any other centres are too far to access regularly

Current locations are fine as they are to ensure that services are accessible to everyone. To reduce locations to a few will alienate people and could prevent them from using services which will be of benefit to their families.

Hudson

I feel that the range of services offered at various locations currently is good and would be compromised by having one main base with nominal 'complementary bases' - unless the services at these complementary bases are made clear and consulted on beforehand.

I agree with a main centre but is Talbot street the most accessible and have good parking facilities?

Farnborough & local centres have been the support I've needed especially having twin boys. They have been a godsend

Please assess the largest areas of where children live- ie 880 children in churchtown school, plus another 5 other primary schools in this area yet you are wanting to use a base in the middle of town where people cannot easily access and have to pay to park to attend. This has obviously been drafted from people out of Southport!!!! Currently Canning Rd is not even enough and there's not enough for this area of the town as it is.

I would not go to the Talbot street centre. It has always been known as a place to go when people have issues. I find these people intimidating and would not like my children associated with them. It is also not safe down that alley way. People hang at the gates in groups. There is no parking and it's further away for me. I use Linaker when I drop at school. This option is very disappointing to me. I would feel lost without having somewhere I can go to on the spot if I need to do probably would not seek support which is a shame.

I don't know where these are. Kings Meadow and Farnborough Rd are essential for Ainsdale and Birkdale as they are easy to find, KM is walking distance which is easier than getting a baby and a toddler in and out of the car and risk the toddler running off while juggling her, the baby and the baby seat.

Cambridge childrens centre

Why change what works for families now?! It will make it harder for families to get to one centre in a town and it will be far to busy if you need a bit more advice and support.

What about the likes of The Atkinson? Where in Southport can people have access to a baby centre. There is always a lack of facilities for people in the town centre.

Linaker & Farnborough should be main bases

The new proposed location is really not suitable. I am aware of the location due to a volunteering placement, the building in a poor state, there is no parking, it is surrounded by undesirable properties with rubbish left out and there was a crack den in front of the property. Why would you want to walk your child down here? There are other empty buildings to rent and so many empty shops.

Farnborough and Linaker should be main sites not talbot street

I have no idea where Talbot street is, although the Kingsmeadow and Farnborough road sites are extremely important to new mums and help with meeting fellow mums and providing support and advice that's really needed.

To leave things as they currently are - separate services offering different things

No car Difficult building friendships if out of area due to no car

The services currently offered at Linaker St. should stay, it is a very valuable resource for people who live locally and might not have transport options to other locations.

A more central place eg atkinson would be better.

The centre is a respected and well utilised resource that families within the area access on a regular basis and are comfortable with. Vulnerable people need to maintain continuity of people and places. All services when possible should be accessible and based within one centre.

Southport needs one central location in the town centre as this is easily accessed by anyone and everyone in the town. The new proposal would mean certain areas of southport would not have a centre and the nearest one would not be easy to access without the use of a car.

As above I dispute the proposed main North location is inappropriate, for a similar reason the central location is also inappropriate. Particularly for parents with a disability impacting their mobility. There are clearly good public transport links to those locations but for those with conditions which can at times mean this is not an option good parking facilities are an essential requirement for access. Waterloo centre is one I have used only once for this reason, the local area is so extremely busy, and at peak times grid lock. Not at all compatible with someone with a young child.

What's wrong with Lineaker Centre and its branches like in the Atkinson library etc????!!

Seaforth as the main hub. The area is in poverty and people use this more than Waterloo.

It would be useful to know the potential base for Seaforth area if it is not going to be the current children's centre. This would aid with planning transition & making an informed choice.

I think the way things are now are fine and this is just a money saving idea. However in the long run it will cost more. I use a children's centre, my child goes to nursery in one and I work in one so this is going to affect me in many ways.

Many of the children's centres in the south of the borough are within easy reach of schools. Moving them could potentially reduce the number of people using them meaning higher levels of deprivation and people not accessing help they feel comfortable being.

I would be extremely upset and angry to lose Hudson as it is the only centre of its kind in our area. It is unacceptable to ask people from maghull and Lydiate to travel all the way to Seaforth etc. Public transport isn't great going to these places and can be very overwhelming for people with young children. There are very few playgroups in the area and taking away the Hudson centre would have a massively negative impact on many families in the area. It is disgusting that you would even consider closing this centre.

Why should Netherton be the main base?? I would not be comfortable going there. The local area is run down and it would mean travelling by bus which causes extra stress and unnecessary expense to me. Springwell is large enough to be the main base and losing it would have such a negative impact on those in the area.

Leave the centres as they operate currently

I come in to Springwell park on a daily basis and i think my kids would of been taken away from me if i hadnt had the support from the staff who huave show me how to look after my kids. i wud not go anywhere else

South - you seem to have made the decision on Marie Clarke. Spring well would be a good complementary base, as it is much closer to Marie Clarke centre. North Im not sure of any of these bases main or complementary . so how can one give an opinion. Central seems to be rather large. A map of the Sefton area would have been appreciated. Your paper copy seems to be slightly different to the on line one.

The Family Centre is an building many families see as Social care. It isn't a warm inviting centre. You should re think the main base

Keep them as they are

I would rather the services that I receive to be under one roof at linaker as it is. I do not agree that services for teens should be in the same building as those for younger children. I have had personal experience of having to attend the family centre in the past and I would see this as going backwards having to attend there again. This is a stage in my life that was very difficult and I do not wish to bring back those memories by attending there again. I also do not want to mix with the people that are there for often negative reasons such as drug and alcohol dependency, supervised contact and people with convictions. I do not find the building welcoming or as suitable as the purpose built children's centre. I also find the car parking dangerous and do not like the fact that you have to access it via an alley way. People are often grouped at the gates and I find this intimidating and offensive. I attend the children's centre daily as it is convenient when dropping off my daughter at linaker nursery. I have attended since I was pregnant and like the continuity and familiarity and receive a warm welcome. I would have an issue with having to go to a new place to tell my story to new people. If the building changed and my original support staff were not there I would not access any support which would have a detrimental effect on my mental well-being. I find it difficult to understand how your document says that "our communities have told us" when it

is the first time I have heard about it. I think it will be detrimental if services were moved to another location with unfamiliar staff.

I only agree with this providing that the vital services of the children's centre are still based in Kings Meadow and Farnborough. I don't want to have to go traipsing across Southport to Talbot Street for classes such as rhyme time, baby massage, toddler groups, top tots etc, it is just not realistic with small children! And very unfair on the majority of parents who utilise this support service, we would end up not coming at all.

There is no free parking anywhere near Talbot Street, and the bus is too expensive to use for an hour journey.

Linaker Children's Centre is a well known establishment and is loved by all its families no matter what Sefton Council say about this extraordinary centre the answer is we all say NO you CANNOT close Linaker Children's Centre or change it the support and the staff are out of this world so this cannot happen Linaker Children's Centre should remain untouched end of!!!

Centralising services whilst good on paper very rarely benefits those in need who would have to travel further to access the help and this is a major barrier in them actually attending and reaching out for the support. The reduction in children's centres between 2010 and 2014 was visible enough and there was less easily accessible support as a result. It's all good and well suggesting that people will get better quality with merged services but if they are less likely to pay the £2.30 each way bus fare to do so then they are less likely to access any support which is in stark contrast to the vision and values set out.

The principles can be achieved through using the current configuration of assets. The current children's centre at Farnborough Road in Southport means that support workers are aligned to the school, understand families and ensure a seamless integrated offer which delivers the principles sought. Moving the location will further isolate families, detach professionals and result in worse outcomes for children.

Linaker Children's Centre is already the perfect base not Talbot Street where I sometimes have felt unsafe walking home from town with my daughter. There's a lot of flats down there, particularly the town/Tesco end and always seems to be unsavoury people hanging about & foreigners drinking in the front gardens, smoking & loud music. I avoid Talbot Street if I can!

Keep the children's centres where they are. Talbot Street is NOT accessible and certainly not fit for purpose.

Moving Linaker children's centre

I don't know where these places are.

Atkinson is a great location as a centre and plenty of public transport. Don't like the idea of only three locations based on north, south and central. It is too broad and for families who

don't have access to vehicles it would be difficult to travel meaning they would attend less frequently.

I don't not agree with the locations it is the whole process that I don't agree with

I live between Waterloo and Thornton and think that If Waterloo was a hub then the services for 0-19 that may be provided on site are not appropriate within a school surrounding, I have previously worked within Waterloo primary school as a 1:1 TA and have witnessed parents displaying aggression towards each other (actually fighting) and feel if some youth services were held here that it would be detrimental to waterloo PS nurturing and calm environment. There is also no parking for people who would like to use the centre.

I don't see why you want to change something that works so well and provides so many people along with my self a better life and much needed help . The services I have gained from the above centres has changed my life

Linaker is a key centre in the community for families with young children and should remain as a key centre to offer services and support. I have used Linaker frequently and will continue to do so, I always feel comfortable attending and feel supported as a first time mum by the staff.

The North. Families who have used Talbot Street, who attend Linaker, have said they never want to go back to that building, after hearing about the consultation. These families have hit rock bottom and are moving upwards in life. Linaker is more suitable for parents to bring children too. This is what the parents have said to me, I have never been to the Family Centre. It saddened me to think the services we are able to offer through the use of Linaker, which has been built up from nothing by the Manager, may not be there for other families to access in the future. You say we need to pick children's needs up at an early stage, that is what happens at Linaker. Parents are encouraged to use the services at Linaker, the groups, through their Health Visitors, Midwives, (baby and mum unit), Foster carers, schools and nurseries.

The Atkinson possibly, however I feel strongly that services should remain at the current base Linaker Childrens Centre

It is not clear what is meant by a complimentary base.

Netherton centre. I walk i can't access any other centre without transport

Keep services as they currently are. Some services could be charged for first a small fee e.g. £1 per group to make money from centres rather than all services being free.

As previously stated

I use Linaker Street as it is local to me and it is easy for me to walk to. I know everybody there and they are all so friendly and helpful.

I think the main centre should be Linaker which has a car park and street parking and is clearly visible not somewhere hidden which people will miss. I think this centre has already been doing a lot of your proposed hard work and I think you should find out properly what they do and deal with and acknowledge it.

I can't agree to this without the details of what would be available at the main centre and the complimentary bases- I use Litherland children's centre just as much as Netherton and find the services that they offer excellent.

Talbot Street is a vile building. In a horrendous area. I would not feel safe taking my young family. It would also mean trying to find somewhere to park, paying for that parking and then attempting to get all three to the building or trying to get all three into town on the bus. Not very easy. To be fair I probably wouldn't bother and more likely to suffer in silence. Just like the library. Reduce accessibility and reduce people who use the vital resources.

Leave it how it is.

Talbot street is not a nice area and people would be put off by this

As my child has started school she is beyond the scope of most services provided but Linaker is well established as the central base and I am astonished that this centre is being considered as only a complementary base rather than continuing to form a well placed and appropriate central service. As a mum that suffered from post natal depression the centre at Canning Road was a lifeline in testing of the sessions offering advice, and guidance including the availability of health visitors; also for community events such as play groups and baby massage that were vital in enabling me to bond with my daughter. The High Park area doesn't seem well-served by the proposed locations and I strongly urge you to continue using Canning Road as a base in this heavily populated area that has a high percentage of young families.

Places with parking, Talbot street is a nightmare to park. Somewhere accessible for all but parking needs to be addressed

Keep local as they are now attached to schools

Key to me is the reduction of number of sites and hence local access to such support, which enable much of what is described in the objectives above. Speaking as a new Mum these local services are invaluable if Sefton wants to avoid a step-up in post natal depression etc. The cuts made to breastfeeding support have already left us in a real inferior position to those who come under other councils in Liverpool, meaning a gap in help and assistance, even at hospital post-birth (The excellent bambis breastfeeding support were there to help many mum's, but not me or others from Sefton). I truly fear this could have a big knock on effect. Many new mum's don't have a car, or are unable to drive for a period post birth, so what would their option be? Speaking selfishly I would want Freshfield centre retained as

local to me, but I expect everyone in my current situation as a new Mum would desperately want to retain their local resource.

I don't agree with the reduction in services in locally placed centres. Having most services at Talbot St will make it much more difficult to travel there. Less families will be helped .

Central - Litherland children's centre

A main base which is not so connected to purely safeguarding. near town - Linaker / Atkinson.

The locations and services should be maintained as they are.

Families need readily available access to all the current children's centres. Suggesting a main base simply means the other centres will be made redundant in the not too distant future. Farnborough & Kings Meadow Children Centres are used daily by hundreds of parents. Some people simply cannot get to other locations. This risks isolating new or struggling Mums & families

This consultation must be more than questions on locations? Its imperative that there are centres across the geographical area that provide young families accessibility via public transport and on foot. How would the services change or improve? This should be clearer stated or explained. 1. Is there capacity and space for the 3 major hubs to operate and handle a caseload of the combined family and childrens service? Would that also be the case for the remaining centres on the new list? 2. What extra support would be provided for the very disadvantaged of families - what would be the other wrap around services available?

Would like to see something in southport if that's where the Talbot street one is? There is nothing in the churchtown I had to drive 25 minutes to use the Ainsdale centre. If I couldn't drive this would have isolated me. I wouldn't travel to Waterloo or Formby this is potentially a 45 minute drive.

Keep the locations in places where families already visit - e.g. In schools. It is much easier to seek support from a location that is local, easily accessible and, importantly, FAMILIAR. Families needing help will be reluctant to go to an environment apart from e.g. A school, nursery, library or community centre. Remember that you are targeting support for vulnerable families - i.e. those least likely to be able to seek help for themselves.

Lakeside church, southport Linekar street as a well being centre

They should remain as they are. As a single parent who walks out places, removing the centre at my child's school (Farnborough Rd) would make life incredibly difficult not better.

The locations and services that are currently in place need to be given more money and investment to thrive and ensure they can support and reach all people in all communities.

there needs to be more provision in bootle and litherland

No. Children's centres need to be in every community. When my little girl was born Freshfield was a lifeline for me. I had PND and wasn't sleeping and was extremely anxious. The fact that I could walk to the centre and meet other parents was so important in my recovery. If the centre would have been further away in a central hub, I wouldn't have accessed it. The larger scale of the facilities and the distance would have deterred me.

I've agreed with this but on the basis that the services offered in the complementary bases are thought through to offer the most important services for everyone.

Talbot street is not a safe place for my child and I would not attend. It is used for social care and should not have to be used by all parents.

I don't think any of the current locations should be closed if they are all used as some people may not be able to access the new venues due to transport

It is hard to tell if I agree as I only use Freshfield Children's centre and there is very little detail on what changes are going to be made and which services are going to be offered. If you take away the services from Freshfield then I disagree.

We are foster carers for P&C placements which means we typically have new born baby for anything up to 12 months along with mum and/ or dad. For them EASY access to services within easy walking distance is critical. Part of our job is to lead them to independent living, so we are not supposed to give them lifts except in emergencies. If the walk is more than 10 or 15 mins most parents will not take baby out in the rain or if it is too cold, so access is critically dependant on distance. The parents who stay with us are typically at the very hard to reach part of the spectrum and it is important that they get used to accessing children's services for the benefit of their baby.

I feel that the south main centre should be either Cambridge children's centre or Marie Clarke as they are more centralised locations for the south. Families in the Cambridge road area would struggle to access services in Waterloo. Many parents do not drive and buses there and back can be expensive, not to mention trying to fit around childcare and school pick ups.

Talbot street is far to travel with two young children just to attend a children's centre. Having a local children's centre means that my family are mixing with families who they could potentially go to school with. Freshfield children's centre is such an important centre, not just to the children but to adults. It's great having somewhere to go especially in the early days when you feel alone. Having to travel further a field to centres would not be convenient.

Don't even know where the Talbot street base is, never used it

I think this would have a negative impact on local families, being a parent is hard enough these days without moving&/or removing services that are vital to each

parent/carer/grandparent. This, I feel, is yet another cost saving scheme which will see Southport suffer&the rest of sefton thrive, which is just what happened with our libraries. I'd suggest that you can save money by removing the posts of the top executives at sefton council, who neither do an actual job or even knowing know, at ground level, what their department does&needs!

Waterloo cc is too small

Keep all centres where the are.

My little girl attends Cambridge Nursery and I do not want to move her. IT IS THAT SIMPLE. She is a very insecure clingy child and it has taken me 10 months to finally settle her at Cambridge and to get her used to being there - if you were to close / relocate this centre it would break my heart. Why does the government not think of the affect these ridiculous "changes" have on every day families and children. I am a working mum too and I would not be able to get my child to another centre in time and then head on to work - it would also cost me money in taxis which I can't afford as I currently walk to the centre. This is devastating news and I hope you do the right thing and keep Cambridge where it is!!

Keep Cambridge open

Cambridge needs to be a family wellbeing main centre as most of the families are able to access easily and are with in waking distance. Waterloo may as well be in town as its not set in the community for the people who are most vulnerable and need the local services to be accessable

My granddaughter took 6 weeks to settle into nursery. It was a very difficult time for all the family but with the skills of the staff at Cambridge nursery she is thriving. To close it would set her back again and have us start all over again.

Harder to access for those who don't drive if you have one set place for people. This win Litherland cannot always make it easily to seaforth & vice versa. Those who rely on public transport will find it hard to travel More thought needs to be put into place on accessibility

I believe this would put the complimentary centres at risk. I have already noticed that services at freshfield children's centre have been reduced between having my first child in 2013 and second child in 2016. These centres are vital to the community and well being of new parents and their children as well as those with special needs and who need additional support. The main centres yoh list are already very over subscribed and busy.

Nothing needs to change in Southport! Leave Linakers as it is. To save money, maybe let a couple of staff go or remove Linakers from The Atkinson but please please do not let Linaker Children's Centre be a thing of the past. I, we, need it. I felt lost before I started going there & will feel the same if it goes. I've not heard of any proposals for Talbot Street to provide a

'stay & play support group for young children with special needs etc' or fun days where I got to meet other parents in similar situations. I, and many many other parents I know are distraught over this.

Some of these are very spaced out so main base and some of their services may be inaccessible for people with babies or multiple kids. I would not travel from Formby to Southport with a baby unnecessarily

I do not think that you can merge services for those who are under social care with those who access a general service. I believe that those under social care are more vulnerable and need a more specialised service like what family centres provide. I cannot see how combining the two services would work on a practical level and cannot judge this proposals without more detailed information.

Access is a major issue and closing down local centres in favour of main centres further afield, will mean that many will not have access to the support they desperately need. I think it's an awful, awful idea that puts money ahead of the well-being of those in need of the services.

I agree with the main base proposals but do not see the value in the complementary bases. All schools could benefit from sharing out the children's centre funding.

Leave things as they are.

I think you are trying to do too much all at once and spreading yourselves too thinly

The idea of main bases is flawed. As new mum's, travel to a centre further away and out of the community is impractical and daunting. Local, friendly centres should be maintained.

I think there should be a base within 2 mile of parents locations. If you reduce children's centers there will be a reduction in use, they need to be easily accessible and walked with a pram. People on maternity leave haven't got expendable income to spend on cars and public transport

Not accessible to everyone

The hubs and joint services are a good idea if done correctly. It's how staff work now but hopefully would be fully integrated with all services working together. However, I'm not sure how this will work using the current buildings linked with schools. Who would man those sites?

I don't feel combining the services would work whatsoever, there is limited parking at talbot street, unless it is paid and display, the building is unfit for use really, in comparison to other buildings available, this talbot street building is not the most desirable. Why use this one when the other sites are so well equipt? Why waste what has already been invested?

I would like all my local children's centres to remain open to enable me to access the support I need locally. I think it would be a shame to close outreach services such as at the Atkinson as I have visited these and they encourage people to attend other services such as the library.

I have a child with mental health problems and has 2 weekly sessions, I work full time for the council hence I have said I use the centres daily, I have filled in the questionnaire as a parent who is currently accessing mental health services. There is currently no offer from Camhs within the community. If the well-being centres are successful I would like to use these centres for my daughter rather than taking her to the 3G. Or Alderhey it is not a good environment for her. She is also a carer and has no access to support around this, if the centres delivered up to the age of 19yrs I hope that these services would be delivered from these centres which she would be able to access more easily. She also has to access a support group which is out of her community which as parents we make sure she can get there but this is not ideal and difficult.

Please do not make changes or reduce services from Cambridge Centre Thank You

These services are already in place and widely accessed. At times vulnerable families can't always access the services they need as it is, because definitions are too narrow. These proposals take that even further and it will be devastating individuals and communities. I worked in Sefton children's centres for 11 years, I know the good work they do and how many families depend on them. As a married mum, in my 30's, not in receipt of benefits, without social care, health issues I still needed support and felt vulnerable and wasn't always able to access services I needed. Children's centres have developed fantastic reputations, relationships with families, and the staff have a huge range of expertise and skills in supporting the families and communities that they know so well. It is absurd to suggest that aims could be achieved better elsewhere. This is purely a cost cutting exercise and shouldn't be dressed up as anything else.

Streamlining the services may mean cuts to activities. This is not right as these places are essential for parental support.

It's not so much that I think there need to be alternative locations, more that condensing services seems to be the beginning of a slippery slope to losing them altogether. For young women suffering from PND, an obstacle like having to get a bus might deter them from attending a session which they really need, a Dad on shared parental leave also collecting an older child from school might not have time to travel further away from his most local centre limiting the access he has to services he requires. The Children's Centres are the epicentre of many of our communities. Centralising services means that many people will miss out. Relationships made between parents accessing services will also be negatively affected. If the women in your breastfeeding support group are spread out across several postcodes with vastly different incomes, you might struggle to feel welcome in that group - you might not all go for a cup of tea at a local cafe, cross paths in the supermarket or swap

numbers for peer to peer support. That would be a really terrible loss to many parents in our communities. A local Children's Centre - busy with age appropriate activities, frequented by other parents from your immediate community is a life line to parents with babies and young children. Please don't take it away.

Cambridge children's centre is based in a deprived area we help and support many vulnerable families who simply would not be comfortable accessing different centres for support. It has taken time and much effort to get many of the families where they are today and these changes could result in many people being back at square one.

Provided the complimentary bases offer enough support to families who cannot easily access the Main Base. I not in the same position now my child is older but as a teenage parent my income was tiny and I frequently could only access places I could walk to with the buggy as I couldn't afford the bus fare.

Some people do not have transport to reach these centres and in southport this would isolate a large area- high park/church town/southport town centre. Some of the most deprived families live in north southport who would not have access to vital services.

Old toan

I am worried that already limited services will become even more limited at 'complementary' bases. What is the difference between a main base and a complementary one?

Not enough information supplied to have give an opinion.

Talbot street is no good for families needing to park close by with a child carark too small Marie clarke would be better base for a well being centre

I would not be comfortable attending anywhere other than Hudson. Will support still be based here or would that support be farmed out across the who of the new bases? until I was sure I could not answer this question positively.

With a new baby, the local children's centre was vital, having somewhere to walk too to meet up with other new parents saved my sanity and probably prevented post natal depression. The impact children's centres have on there local area can not be valued enough. I feel any change would have a detrimental effect on other services too, for example health visitor, as families unable to access children's centre would then be looking to other professionals for help/ support etc. I would imagine those services are already under great pressures.

Maghull is a large area with proposed housing making it even large, Hudson should be a focal point of the area

The prosals say its a complimentary base but does not list what this means and if the sessions will stay the same. I dont understand the reasons for changing what is working for me and my family.

I propose not reducing services from Hudson Children's Centre.

Given that the proposed service is to support families with CYP 0-19, would it not be advisable to install some bases within our high schools? This would make the service more accessible for CYP age 11+.

Hudson Childrens centre was a lifeline for me when I had my first child, 2 1/2 years ago. It enabled access to social & emotional support for both me & my daughter at what can be a very lonely time. I was also able to access midwifery & HV support from this centre. The service is community based & allows you to meet with mums from the local area which allows you to build a 'mums' support network. If the service was provided in more run down areas, I very much doubt I would have used them in the same way. Travel would be more difficult & meeting people from your immediate community would be more difficult. I'm due to have my second baby in January & would feel quite disadvantaged at having to travel elsewhere to use Childrens centres services.

Hudson is a vital service for many women and children. The support they offer is outstanding

I agree that changes need to be made and the budget needs to be spent wisely but I worry that some people may not be able to access some of the clinics. Personally I found the canning road centre in southport brilliant. It's right around the corner from me and was great help to me after having my son as I couldn't walk far due to pregnancy related problems. I wouldn't have left the house much if that centre wasn't there.

Mostly agree but feel Maghull needs a larger centre, especially with the new houses being built meaning more than a thousand new residents.

See my above comments

Hudson

I do not want a diluted watered down service which will only cater for the most very very poorest or those who are social care. This community never receives any support except that from my centre.

More information is needed here. What are the roles of the link bases? What will they offer the community? Are current support services going to be moved to the main base? Do the main bases have parking? For the North could the Atkinson Centre be more of a base. Botanic Gardens has space for potential activities if you are extending age ranges. The children centres that are linked to schools are in a fundamental position to build on community networks and support families with children from various age ranges, this would be greatly missed if they were not utilised to support the needs of the communities. I run parent support groups across Sefton for parents/carers of children with emotional needs, these groups are in schools and children centres for families with children of all ages.

I do not feel Waterloo would be a suitable venue I feel Marie Clark would be more suitable for a Family well-being centre this is in easy reach for families If Waterloo was identified as the venue this is not in easy reach for all families also parking is difficult If Waterloo was used and Seaforth these venues are close together An other option could be Seaforth F/C base being used as a Family well-being centre which is a large building with easy access covering a wide locality already this is easy walking distance and parking is easy with trains running near by Waterloo and Marie Clark could be additional bases I feel quite strongly that Waterloo would not be suitable for a main venue as a Family Health and Well-being centre

Regarding Talbot Street there are not enough car parking facilities therefore parents/carers might not bother attending. I also feel that Waterloo is in an area where car parking is almost impossible.

There is no main base in bootle or seaforth which is a relatively deprived area where many people do not have access to cars. It would be preferential for me to have access to a service that is within walking distance.

What role do social workers have in these plans. I always thought that trained social workers were undertaking these issues. If not, why not. I feel these centres are not fit for purpose and should all be closed and the money saved passed on to reduce council tax bills.

I don't agree with the cutting of these services and feel that usage of the centres will decrease as people on low income or reduced maternity pay cannot afford to travel to other locations further afield that were previously on their doorstep. Children's Centres and their free activities were originally developed to aid low income families and these are the people that cannot afford to travel.

Just keep the children's centres as they are. They work well, people access it on a daily basis, people enjoy it and most are in walking distance from people's homes. I would not be able to access Talbot street as there is no parking or buses nearby. But then again these proposals are pushing those classes as non vulnerable away

Leave them as they are, you have not explained the difference between a wellbeing centre and a complementary base. I'm presuming that the complementary base Will have less staff, services etc and will only be as an outreach service base. These services have to be locally accessible and visible, I would not have had help for low mood and attachment difficulties with my daughter without accessing the centres classes and groups. But I did not actively seek this help it was just there by chance through attending these groups and we are not and have not been a targeted family/ falling to thrive etc so likely wouldn't receive help under your above mission statement.

All centres should stay open as each community has it's own needs these places are important

I think that's a waste of time and money. The centres are fine where they are

Churchtown end bases would be beneficial to a lot of new mums

North - Main Base would not be accessible by walking (as often I am without a vehicle) and would be concerned on what limited services would be on offer from a complementary base.

I use Kingsmeadow and Farnborough and would be unlikely to travel to Talbot street. I do not use the services supporting families in difficulty though. I use the playgroups and other activities put on.

Linaker Children's Centre is an ideal location which is easily accessible and is familiar to family which might not otherwise access services.

We need to keep seaforth children's centre it is vital for our community

You need the centres where they are now, it's unreasonable to expect parents to travel for vital support.

Keep all existing sites

Each town should have their own accessible facilities.

There needs to be more locations. Talbot St is not central for all Southport residents, particularly those without transportation. Also, with the current service of 5 baby weighing clinics on various days there can be a wait of up to 30 minutes to be seen. With the babies from 5 locations having to all use one location there will potentially be a much lengthier wait time, which is impractical when dealing with infants and toddlers.

There are no areas in the Meols Cop area that is easy to get to with the new proposal. Canning Street is currently set up for the activities. Linaker Centre covers a large variety of support and is accessible by buses.

It depends on how marginalised the complementary bases become.

Leave springwell as it is, it is within walking distance for many families in a deprived area, moving key services from springwell would impact myself and the local community tremendously. Netherton is too far to be easily accessible

The Atkinson, Canning Road are easier for me to get to, being that they are both on bus routes. Seeing as I do not drive, I HAVE to rely on buses!

I think Cambridge CC should be kept open as the main base.

Hard to get to without incurring expense

I feel Cambridge is at the heart of what is a very deprived area, and taking the main support services away from this area will only serve to isolate those in greatest need and create

ghettos. As such I believe Cambridge should be the main location if there are to be any streamlining of services.

Travel costs and accessibility

Why change something that works well? Springwell and it's staff are fantastic why take them away from the community?

However i think springwell is amazing and would be a huge loss to the community if yiu couldnt access services there.

I wouldn't walk 45 minutes to another children's centre when springwell is just a 5 minute walk

Centres should be in easy access for all. Not everybody has transport and not all Centres would be easy to get to.

A venue more accessible for people without cars. For example town centre with good public transport links.

Sessions should continue at the Atkinsons for those who live centrally in Southport.

I feel that would be a shame not to utilise the fairly new purpose built centre at Litherland as a main centre.

Springwell needs to be considered as a main base. No other centre is local or convenient for myself and baby

I only know Speingwell, I don't know where the other ones are and I don't drive!

Talbot st is a run down town centre location, the child centres work as they are part of the community. They are accessible by walking and mean you can meet people who live locally.

I would not be able to afford to travel meaning I would be isolated which would damage both my own and my family's health and well being

Keep the current locations and think of alternative ways to save money I.e reducing all worker to 4 day week working to save the services for the families whilst still saving money that's needed.

Dubious as to what we mean by complimentary base - if services are restricted there I will find it difficult to travel to the main sites

Netherton is not easily accessible for Maghull.

Keep the Linaker Centre exactly as it is! Why would you scale back such a vital community hub, that has helped so many families? Each pound invested in Linaker pays for itself over and over in terms of the more serious problems forestalled by the friendly support and

precious services on offer. Who knows how many children have been saved from bad outcomes by the intervention of such a special place?

Silly idea. So if you don't live in the nearby vicinity of a base then you don't have local access to any service? Its a postcode lottery. Also have you thought about Next Steps Community Nursery in the grounds of Waterloo Primary School? Have you thought about how this would restrict their service?

Safeguarding is a specialist service which requires careful planning and skills. Fsw are specifically trained to manage this. I do not believe generic EIP staff can do this.

I want the offerings at Linaker and Farnborough to remain the same. To go to a town centre hub would be very difficult due to costly parking charges in Southport town centre.

We need a center to stay open, that center is Cambridge nursery it plays a big part in my life and my family's life.

Leave them as they are

Keep the centres as they are. Talbot street is not fit for purpose as a building. The site itself has no parking. Also the area is frequented by drug users and the access is concealed leaving parents and young children vulnerable on the approach and having to avoid needles on the ground and dealings etc and many unsavoury types. Also currently used for children visitation and contact meetings with parents who have had children taken into care or can't have access due to being on sexual offenders register, possibly abusing own children or drug users. I don't think it's appropriate for this site to be used for daily family and children services and support etc when it gives possibly unsavoury types access to children and maybe vulnerable mothers.

I think central being in Netherton will be too far for me to travel as I am not mobile (have no car) and my daughter would then miss out on the 3 clubs I take her to

Linaker children's centre is the closest to many people in Southport and many of us have to walk and many of us have young children who aren't in school yet and a new born so walking with a toddler and pushing a baby in a pram will take ages to get from eg townlane all the way to town centre

Should have a main. Centre for maghull/lyidate

The building at Talbot St is rather old and quite small for a main base. Parking is also very poor. Somewhere else in central Southport would be better, although I am not sure where. Waterloo is also very small to be a main base

As Aintree village has already lost their community centre I do not agree with Hudson being downgraded to a complementary base. Hudson children's centre have numerous groups I have benefited from, making new friends and the staff are great.

I find it really difficult as it is to go out as I suffer with panic attacks having this centre local is so import to me and other people

I'm assuming it's Talbot street in southport

If things were to change and I could no longer walk to my local children's center - first steps Farnborough then I wouldn't access support or services

None in seaforth

My family (me and my sister) have always come to Linaker. Its been there for such a long time and does everything you want anyway

I am concerned that this would see a dilution of the service offered across Sefton and that many areas, particularly those with the proposed 'complementary bases' would see an effective removal or reduction of services.

I don't believe you should be reducing the services provided to mums and young families at all. Hudson children's centre was a lifeline to me when my baby was born. I was suffering severe anxiety and what I now believe mild post natal depression. Without the full range of services provided by the children's centre I would have been completely lost and vulnerable. I do not usually have the means to travel further afield than Hudson with two small children to attend other regional family centres. I appreciate money has to be saved and services streamlined, including providing services to teenagers etc but not at the risk of the menta heath and wellbeing of women who may not be financially vulnerable or particularly from groups considered to be vulnerable. However having a baby Makes you vulnerable and removing support is detrimental to their health and mental wellbeing.

To lose Linaker would be devastating. The Manager has built Linaker up over ten years. Her strategies and forward thinking has developed Linaker to the stand it has today in the society of Southport. We have people who have use the Centre years ago who still refer others to call in to see what is available to them. We have relatives of the people that need help who come and seek help on how to deal with their family matter. People come in and say thank you. Every person who walks through the door matters. They may have different needs but they matter, they know they matter, they know where to seek advice, if they have a query they know they can be pointed to the right service to help them. The services themselves use us too, to share their availability, to advertise themselves through us, to be part of who we are in Southport. Some staff changes have happened but there is not a great turnover of staff, but staff do change, yet the visitors still have that confidentiality of attending a place that they feel comfortable. I have known so many who come and say it is a friendly, warm atmosphere, one of the best children's centres I have been too. Why take away something that has been built, knock it down, something that will continue to develop over the next ten years will be a waste of the last ten years. We cant tell other people's stories, of what Linaker has done for them, but we are humble enough to know that a smile may have helped someone one day, or a little chat may helped another to take a step towards

seeking help, but we know behind us we have people who can help and where to guide them to get the help. We would not be who we are if the world knew what we did, and it is sad that now everyone knows behind Tesco's in Eastbank Street that's where the Family Centre is, as that was a safe haven for people to walk up the side of Tesco's and no one knew where people were going, I found that sad too.

Linaker children's centre

Proposals would suit me if there was a main base in Waterloo as this is close to where I live. I do not know where Marie Clarke is and I do not know the other areas well enough to know if they are appropriate.

I would agree if the same services will be on offer in the complementary bases. If they are not on offer in the complementary bases (e.g my local centre Freshfield) then I would not be able to access them and this would make life a lot more difficult with a 4 month old baby.

I, like many other parents, don't drive. Freshfield children's centre has been a lifeline and great support since I moved to formby 6yrs ago. I'm concerned that if this was taken away it would be a huge loss and detrimental to a lot of families. All children's centres should be kept as they are. I have lived in Jersey where they do not have these. I felt very isolated and alone.

Linaker has and continues to be such an important main centre for accessing services and should remain in its current state.

There should be a centre within walking distance of all parents and carers.

I think the current system of local children's centres works well. I think everyone should have at least one within walking distance I don't know where Cambridge or Marie Clarke centre are - I feel it more detail within this survey (perhaps a map, or actual addresses) may have been useful at this juncture. This also makes the next question hard to answer properly

Main base Linaker centre

If fewer centres it's difficult to attend. Therefore disadvantaging adults and children who can not travel/ get to the main centres.

Crosby library

As you know Maghull has the highest number of new houses being proposed in Sefton at least 1600, therefore I would say planning for infrastructure to cope with the population growth the obvious choice would be Maghull.

I don't think the proposed family wellbeing centre is big enough to cope with the sheer number of users to the service, either with parking or the actual facility itself. Please consider

other alternative central locations that are more accessible and fit for purpose, I don't know what other properties are council owned to suggest a location.

My idea would be not to have Hudson as a complementary base but instead remain the fully functioning centre we currently have.

It is different when you have a little one and you want to go out for an hour or so if it is far I wouldn't bother because I will have to think of all things I have to carry with me . At the moment the centre is a walking distance and my daughter she enjoys it so much . It help to bonds with other children and I hope it stays that way and I won't have to travel extra.

I agree with talbot street as a main base but feel Linaker Children's Centre is too close and a waste of resources as Talbot street is just down the road.Freshfield,farnborough and Kingsmeadow are located across the area ensuring a wider catchement area

Unsure

They are useful because they are local and you are getting to meet families and children who your child could potentially be going to school with. By fusing these together I would be less likely to drive for a length of time to accesss these services.

Closure of the Linaker (Canning Road) centre will seriously affect the residents of the High Park district which is particularly disadvantaged compared to the rest of Southport. The social needs of the locality are great and the work done by Linaker Childrens Centre at Canning Road has been a significant benefit to the local population. Removal of the services from High Park will have a very negative impact on the young families who live there.

How do people living in high park - who are generally less well off access the services ?

I don't think you should take away people's local centre as for myself it would put me off going. If it is in walking distance then it is a lot easier for people to get to especially those in low income families, who can't afford to pay for travel. I think you should leave all centres as they are as moving centres will isolate vulnerable families and children.

As Bootle is such a deprived area I think there should be a main centre here. No idea why it should be in Waterloo would be too far for Bootle and Litherland residents to walk to. A lot of residents wouldn't be able to walk there and pay for the bus or train fare so it wouldn't be worth using the services.

Support services are needed across the borough for all families. what services would be available from the complimentary bases? when will they be open? will they be delivering a specific element of the core offer or all aspects in a diluted form? is this a pre-cursor to discreetly close down centres and services?

we need services in our community not a bus ride away

I would like to know what savings would be made by relocating Seaforth Children/ Family Centre.

I am concerned about the potential loss of services at some of the locally based centres. Many parents benefit from being able to walk to the centres from their homes. Even for those who have use of a car and/or can access public transport there are additional costs in terms of time and finances.

What was wrong with Linaker school ??

Seaforth Children Centre and Family centre should be included due to the high deprivation and the disposal income of families. Families will struggle accessing services further a field with missed appointments. Families and friends are still being turned away from Waterloo due to them not living in the reach area.

I presume that the reasoning for these proposed changes is financial as I cannot see any benefit in reducing current services offered by the various children's centres. Thus I do not have any proposals for locations.

Locations are fine if it works but too many job/funding cuts in sefton

Main base in southport should be linaker children's centre. Talbot street is down a back alley and very small. When I have been there I do not feel comfortable at all and made to feel weird. However at linaker it's very welcoming and supportive and nice. It also feels safer at linaker.

I feel only appropriate to comment on the South area as that effects myself & my family therefore do not give the Main Base to Waterloo, an already acknowledged affluent area away from the more deprived areas of Cambridge & Seaforth. If you cannot make the Cambridge Road building work for the proposed above shake down then look at alternative locations in and around Cambridge Road L20. I understand it was in the old terminology a category 1 surestart ergo high lighted the desperate NEED for the facility. Now it is yes several years on from the categorisation however the wider situation has not improved vastly and still Bootle is considered deprived and poor. Waterloo is by far more affluent and able with its citizens to accommodate the proposed changes just away from them rather than for them. They still need and should receive a service but in a more complementary position. If the previous powers failed to make Cambridge Road Bootle a large enough facility then do not fail the good people of L20 and around by making them lose a vital service, a safe location, supportive friendly staff. The cost is just too high when the loss could be as equally devastating to the people whom attend the current service or whom are expected to use /move into area/have babies within their current catchment area.

I need the support in my area local to me

I have to walk everywhere and dont have the money to travel so need access locally

Local to me First steps

Keep farnborough road CC

Keep the base at Linaker, not Talbot Street.

CC at Kings Meadow and Farnborough Schools

Keep KM CC

I would not be prepared to travel to talbot street. i currently walk

formby should have all of the above made available. some people would not travel

i would travel the distance

I use KM CC I could not get anywhere else

Southport community centre Norwood rd as is much closer to where I live than the others

Need to know more about what services would operate from where to understand if I agree or not.

I believe all parents should have access which is local to them. Therefore no children's centre should be closed. There are many families disadvantaged due to low income and other parenting and caring responsibilities who find travel extremely difficult. To close local branches places vulnerable families at risk of disengagement.

I suffer with mental health care she's and struggle with change and do not want to go somewhere I haven't been before.

Linaker would be my personal choice.

This means that there will be nothing in the north of Southport, ie. Crossens, Churchtown, Marshside, High Park (area of high need). There should at least be a Complementary base.

Linaker is local to many people easy to park and get to the others are much harder

If you plan on closing some of the centres you need to ensure that the new main centre is situated centrally from those you no longer plan to use. I personally walk to the children's centre which is approximately a 10 minute journey through housing estates I feel comfortable walking though. A journey any longer than this especially in winter with a young child under 1 would require me to access public transport, which I could not afford. I therefore would be unable to access he centre.

Further comments or suggestions

Ensure residents in north end of borough continue to have fair and proportionate local access.

I think that now is perfect localities.

stay in linaker - all needed is there!

keep the services as they are - they are much needed.

this service provides vital support. I am scared about the future for some families if this is closed or even reduced.

I do not understand in what way closing Centres can make accessing services much easier.

New Centre at Talbot Street is in difficult place to access as it is in the middle of the town. There is no parking place and it is far from school and nursery.

Please do not remove our local children's centres. As a Mum of a child with additional needs I rely on Thornton children centre. They go over & above for me & my family.

We know them & our son is very happy. Using that facility. You cannot squeeze a whole borough into one centre & meet everyone's needs.

I understand the need to be more cost effective with resources but I don't feel residents of Aintree feel part of the sefton area as no community resources from

Sefton Council are provided here. This is a growing family area which should have more family community places and sefton funding but we seem to be getting nothing and what we did have taken away. I would like to see Sefton Council spend some money within Aintree village to support the growing number of families that live in the area not expect them to travel further into sefton for support.

Please rethink your proposal , such places like maghull aintree and melling should have full access to a centre close considering the amount of families it looks after !!

No new mum will go feeling vulnerable to netherton or bootle with a baby and the links for this are shocking so you have to drive but where safe to park with theses areas and also fitting in with routine and school for older children too . We have already lost aintree children's centre let's not make the same mistake again as it's such a shame and such a need in these areas

My grandson and daughter would be lost without there centre. It's some where to go and talk about your problems

I think that the services are invaluable for new parents and should stay as they are.

While I have been on maternity leave I have used Waterloo and Thornton children's centres' weekly to attend groups and weighing clinics. The staff are all lovely and very approachable. I think the welcoming atmosphere would be lost with the proposed changes.

Whilst I do not regularly use centres anymore I do not think closing centres is the solution, whilst I recognise the financial constraints the children's centres currently offer a life line to parents and taking these out of familiar locations will make them inaccessible for many. Not just through poor transport links but due to the mental health and anxiety related limitations that come with having a new baby. The key stake holders are being disadvantaged to open access to groups of young people who have many other options to access the same or similar services and are unlikely to use the service being described.

I feel that it would be such a shame to close any of the centres surrounding the L10 area as they are so well used. Surely this should be enough to show how much they are needed and loved by the local community. The services that they provide are fantastic and valuable to both the mother and children. To stop this would be such a shame. It is not just those with mental health issues that require help and support. If this proposal goes ahead, then I feel that there would be a lot more mental health issues in the future.

The provision of child & family wellbeing services has been critically under supported for some time, leading to insufficient personnel of insufficient quality delivering the service in a very 'tick box' manner (based on my own limited experience) If the root issues around staffing & quality of training/supervision are not addressed, then all the new centres in the world will not make a jot of difference.

Aintree area should have some funding back in. Aintree tots is a full group every week. The hope Centre has a full group every week and a waiting list to start.

Obviously there are enough people in the area to warrant funding and help Having a children's centre in my local area has been so beneficial, if I had to travel to use the services I probably wouldn't. Local services need to be easily accessible to the community they are serving.

Linaker Childrens center is an extremely important facility for local families. I personally have used linaker children's center since my first child was born, for maternity care, family and child development, personal support after my partners sudden death. I have also used the center for personal mental and employment support, also used linaker as a first port of call for information about Rasa support, benefit changes, legal advice.. I personally wouldn't know where else to go for ALL the aforementioned support. Linaker children's center covers all of my continued family support needs.

Formby is a large community and without the children's centre here I would not have had access to great support and made new friends who are local.

families need people and services within their community not one large epi centre with no real attachment to the community it is supposed to care about. Local services on a local level

I feel that it is important that the services on offer remain local and accessible to everyone. I lived in the city centre when I had my first child and the lack of children's centres and things for babies to do meant that I simply didn't go out which contributed at least in part to a later diagnosis of postnatal depression and anxiety. Although there were children's centres accessible by car, I never felt part of the community in which they were based which made it difficult to build relationships with other parents.

Living in Waterloo now with my second child and knowing that there are services on offer in my local community makes a world of difference and it's much easier to ask for help and to build relationships with other mums. If services are reduced for families with small children I think it's important that most services remain available locally to enable people to access these and not be put off by long (public transport) journeys as the alternative is for many people to just stay in the house and this applies especially to the most vulnerable who may be dealing with mental health issues or financial struggles.

I am concerned that families who are hovering on the brink of needing social care interventions are at risk of being missed if children's centres or the family centre do not maintain an open door and responsive service in the future. many families have been using services for over 10 years- they signpost friends and family to the services. families see children's centres as an essential service. Whilst I understand the need for Sefton to save money I am concerned that the current proposals will leave many families vulnerable. Families need preventative services as well as the many interventions provided by children's centres. Children's centres have invested heavily in their own professional development as well as the CCGs and Public Health in order to develop a early intervention model around child mental health. This work could have a significant impact on the wellbeing of Seftons children if the current staff were allowed the time and opportunity to demonstrate its impact. Could CCGs not work in partnership with Sefton to invest in the Nurture and Thrive pathway?

Need more services not less

Although Talbot Street might be the new Centre for Health and Wellbeing, the building does not have good access or good car parking facilities. Linaker Street is a much better design and easier to access and the staff are very helpful and friendly.

I worry about the co location proposals because I feel it will have a detrimental affect on services for vulnerable families. In particular I feel that families who have children with disabilities will be disadvantaged due to access difficulties. There must be a focus on outreach services for this group of families and a clear pathway for support for every need. Mental health must also be given a high profile for parents, carers and children. Consultation

is ok if opinions are taken into account and if these proposals go ahead then I feel it is essential that service users are given a voice in shaping future services with advocacy support for people who struggle to have a voice e.g. disabled people, people with substance misuse issues, children, children with disabilities

I think it will be disastrous to all communities if there is only going to be 3 children's centers to cover the South Sefton area. I believe in the future it will lead to a decline in the mental health and emotional well being for all young children, young people and parent / carers. People in deprived areas may not have the means or ways to access one of these proposed centers, to seek support as what is classed as local may not be local to these families. Thus missing relevant milestones in child's early years, this leads to the child having a lower level of education, once they reach adulthood they are more likely to be jobless. There will be less support to parents /carers from staff due to less staff to cover a bigger area, staff under pressure from increased work load. I don't see our communities thriving from this proposal, I see the most vulnerable becoming more at risk and our communities not reaching Sefton's long term objectives.

The closing of any children/family centres and settings will have a devastating effect on our communities through out Sefton. In terms of the services provided in the south Sefton area any proposed closures will highlight yet again the lack of early intervention support for family's in one the most deprived areas in the country. This consultation should be supported with further local intelligence and therefore should also include a dissemination of Sefton's community profile which identifies where the support and resources are needed allowing Sefton to achieve its vision for 2030.

Not impressed with the proposals. I

currently attend Seaforth childrens centre with my son. Really happy and settled here. Has helped my mental wellbeing Really would be upset to see this centre change.

Please feel free to contact me as a concerned person XXXXXXXXXXXX.com - the north proposal needs urgent rethinking in terms of main hub location. I would also like to see action points reflecting the ambition of the councils statement regarding the well-being of children.

do not change linaker children centre.

I don't agree with any of the proposal and not gonna attend the place on Talbot street as its not good for my baby.

think need to find funds from other areas rather than close clinics.

I feel the current services are vital to support families and oppose this proposals.

Keep Seaforth children centre open excellent centre and excellent staff

Keep Seaforth C.C open it is local to me as walk everywhere.

Keep Seaforth cc open as it's very local for a lot of people. Staff are ever so friendly.

I trust that the services in Seaforth ch center helped me to develop my child. Helped me as a new mother and supported me as a person

Leave linaker childrens centre open, its a big benefit to the community.

I think its wrong and lots of people will feel isolated as the main centres will be too far away
save money to keep services remaining as they are by not giving 5% payrise to council managers!!

I'm concerned that Seaforth families will be shut out if services are moved

More time in that activity, well done

the family centre in Southport is great and all the staff there have helped me sort mine and my children's lives out we would be sad and have no one to go to if we needed help.

keep Cambridge centre as it is to promote local families + children emotional social + physical wellbeing.

I disagree with the proposal and loss of service which is local to me.

the proposed building is in too small limited xxx xxxx spaces. and the xxxxxx services are very good. I disagree for this change.

NO

keep cambridge

id be really disappointed to lose the current services I use. I've built a good relationship with the staff members and other mums.

when did the consultation take place, and who was consulted in the section that states 'our communities have told us that our teams need to be more joined up...'?!

reduce management pay rises. think of future for our children.

I feel this proposal is not viable as along with cuts, how are we supposed to support all of the families.

keep linaker as it is and services provided.

keep cambridge children center to main

stop cutting services that are valuable to families and for the sake of some of their mental health wellbeing.

I think that the proposals are a complete let down to our community. As a parent of a young child I feel that the powers that be have no conception of how invaluable these services are and the difference they can make to a potentially isolated time.

I really think that this centre should stay open.

It is ridiculous. A lot of vulnerable families will be missed without the support of children's centres.

To lose Cambridge would be a shame to myself and the community as a whole.

email timetables

Limiting some centres and what they can offer could really impact some families negatively. Baby groups can be really important for the mental health of new mums, but feeling able to go to these can be hard- especially for a new mum with PND. Having to travel far will likely put people off and therefore they would not attend. Sessions which could have a positive impact on their mental health. As a service, breastfeeding support Sefton run and attend groups at many children's centres to support breastfeeding mums. Without these groups, the service cannot be as effective.

Keep Cambridge its the hub of the community & offers vital services for families

I DO NOT THINK CAMBRIDGE SHOULD BE MOVED

Areas of deprivation need to be considered with universal services being accessed for community cohesion.

Seaforth is a easy access centre lots of help with causes.

Taking away what Springwell offers will really be detrimental to seriously in need families. I cannot believe this is even be considered. I wouldn't have coped over the years without this place.

I just think this will be silly to move it so far out the area and it will be silly to move it to Netherton

stay at Seaforth

I would be lost without the help and support of the staff at Springwell.

With schools runs Seaforth children's centre is realistically the only centre I could use as my SEN child comes home early.

Springwell does a lot of family fun events which is beneficial to local families.

seaforth C/S is amazing and is one of my main means of adult and social contact.

I would very much like to see centres remain open.

keep seaforth child center open it has lovely friendly staff and local

keep seaforth childrens centre open local for everyone. friendly staff.

maybe to keep the public updated on local things post what is happening to everyone and keep our seaforth childrens' centre available for baby clinics, crèche and parents.

camerage is a lovely and assessable place with no waiting to get onto courses very easy for new mums to feel included

I needed parent groups and support close to make it easy for me to take all the children

Proposals are a disgrace if it hasn't worked with Liverpool council why should sefton follow suit.

I would have a dramatic effect on the groups who battle with depression and obesity.

I feel it is detrimental to parents to have access to a local centre. Cuts in centres will impact experiences as a new mum + potentially mental health issues

I don't want anything to change, I like my childrens centre and I have made friends and built relationships.

keep springwell as it is!!!

its ridiculous - why change it - the service provided is wonderful - what will happen to us - we will have nowhere to go.

Don't make more cuts. Parents rely on the wide choice of classes + groups provided by all childrens centres for their own sanity not just for the childrens development. Stop taking this away! it was bad enough that Breast start went. Stop making it so difficult for us to get support that is local to us.

Current offer is excellent and covers overall, holistic needs of children & families

I feel that moving services to one base in my area rather than the current 4 centres would be disengaging and not fulfil the requirements of each local area.

facebook page childrens centre in linaker

I would like to save the linaker CC !

Keep Springwell open and don't ruin it for children + parents who use it. find the money from somewhere else. Council is good at wasting money

leave this centre alone. It is at the heart of the community and family + friends enjoy taking their children there. Annoyed with the proposals

I would really like you to keep the play groups and messy play at Waterloo. It has helped me as much as my child. It has helped my children develop and helped me not be alone. I think the Waterloo children's centre is a great help to families in and around Waterloo. The center has been a great support to me and my children.

The children's centres (especially Waterloo) has provided a safe place and lifeline for myself and my children to come and learn how to be the best parent possible. This has been through the groups that are run throughout the week. We would not be able to afford to go to paid groups and it is concerning that these services will be cut and not available to families. I think they provide good preventative measures and by taking away what is currently provided may see more parents needing to access more social care help in the future. If preventative care is what you are aiming for then continue investigating into children's centres and the staff as they are.

LEAVE THIS CENTRE OPEN. FIND THE MONEY FROM ELSEWHERE AS A LOT OF CHILDREN + PARENTS ATTEND HERE. IT'S A LIVELY CHILDREN'S CENTRE WHERE THEY SUPPORT YOU AND MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE.

everyday.

Not impressed with the proposals. I think they are not needed and Springwell is the best one I have been to and I have used Fazackerley, Walton and County. Leave it ALONE!! Already having to pay £170 a month for nothing so leave my one pleasure.

STAY AT LINAKAR

my worry is that I may not be able to access the services I wanted for I have my baby.

WE MUST KEEP HOLD OF LINAKER CENTRE AS THIS IS A HELPFUL AND HAPPY CENTRE AND CHILDREN FACILITIES

mum's, DADS's, Nan's, they all need the sessions. It helps building relationships with the children and will help emotionally.

Early help proposal will only work well if adequate provision of resources is available

attending Freshfield centre I have met a lot of friends in my area. The staff are friendly, helpful and knowledgeable about the Formby area.

I think communities really need and appreciate children centres and support and hard work!

We should keep hold of Linkaker center.

I only hope that the decisions that will be made can continue the amazing care and support that all the wonderful and dedicated staff at the family centre Talbot street have given to myself and little girl.

I have concerns that some of the staff do not do or are not trained in statutory work. That statutory/ safeguarding will slip. that the service provided by statutory spot checks visits AW/ ends. Parenting assessments/ care, reports, supervised contracts will not be the same quality as present.

I AM A GRANDPARENT MINDING I GRANDAUGHTER ON A FRIDAY, THE ONLY PLACE I CAN TAKE HER IS ST PAULS CHURCH, SONNING AVENUE, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE, AND IT IS FAB

no

no

I feel that new main bases should be multi-disciplinary with a variety of professionals in each. there could be more rooms in Seaforth.

the locality of seaforth family centre is required for local families to access.

I don't have any other comments

need more age appropriate resources for children ages 9+.

My children's centre is very important to me and my family and I need their support

I prefer the way the childrens center is NOW! . its like a family and I feel confident to trust all members of staff, I don't think I would feel comfortable elsewhere.

DONT GET RID OF LITERLAND CHILDRENS CENTRE!! WE NEED IT!!

Yes I do. A - family centre is for the family either to contact or **** around to family unit, without the centres what else would we have - nothing, families would suffer - contact could not be supported, relationships could not be bonded. B - your a council, so by default you have to act but what council government want, grow some balls - say no and invest in the future of people not failed business' or roads - people young and old - without the people you don't have a job.

to not join to one big group as people in the outer areas will miss out on groups and vital socialising opportunities.

all the services provided are already enshrined in the ethos and missions + goals of children centres at the moment. I feel this is a purely cost cutting exercise that will ultimately impact most on your identified target audience.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE PROPOSALS?? ARE YOU TAKING CHILDREN'S SUPPORT & SERVICES AWAY FROM MAINSTREAM FAMILIES??

WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM NIKKI THE WORKER AT HUDSON I WOULD NOT BE RECEIVING SUPPORT NOW. WILL THESE AMAZING PEOPLE BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

children centres to stay open

very concerned the local centres will not be in use.

Don't take Hudson away. It has been mine & my other friends life line.

N/A

The childrens centres & related services are essential to the well being of children + families in the local areas.

Please keep our children's centres open.

I think the centres should stay. These classes saved me as a new mum and I would have been lost without them. XXXX has been amazing and me and my son have made forever friends during these classes.

I think that the stay + playcentres, particularly Waterloo provide a vital service to a range of mums/firsttime mums. I personally suffered postnatal depression with my first baby + going to the stay + play really helped. Saved me even, it was a great chance to meet other mums + I didn't feel alone. Please keep them open!

This centre is vital for health, well being, social and mental issues. It's purpose is fully met by staff and guests.

KEEP THE CENTRES RUNNING THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

I am shocked as the support Ive been given after 8 years is amazing examples. Dropping in when need advice practical help Support and general day to day worries debt/food etc.

The proposals have been made without any local research being done. As such, it is proposed to isolate many families and preventing them from accessing the services they need. Also, this questionnaire is badly set out, leaving us no room for us to state our opinions.

PLEASE STOP THIS CRAZY IDEA

Cambridge is placed in poor social-economic area and is able to reach out to a lot of families. Where as Waterloo is in an affluent area and only supplies course places to local residents. why would you put the main base in a affluent area when you are trying to target those families who are in greatest need (which is usually classified as those families on

really low incomes) I would be lost without the children's centre and would have had more severe forms of depression and isolation if it had not been for the support + services offered by Cambridge Childrens centre and all of the staff.

DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY SERVICE

NOT VIABLE

THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO? "IS HUDSON CHILDRENS CENTRE CLOSING?"

Yes, leave Hudson the way it is. For all of the reasons previously mentioned.

Keep local accessible services in place.

Hudson Children's Centre provides an invaluable service, and is an important part of the community. I have accessed the centre for the past 5 years and would have been lost without it.

not to move from hudson

I would find possible closure of Hudson CC, or reduced groups a huge loss to both myself & my 14 month old. I don't know of anyone who would support this closure/reduced service. The centre is also very busy and used by lots of local families & mums. A lot of whom walk to the centre. I also volunteer at the centre for breastfeeding support.

this is a very small box which should house the biggest and most important information which is parents views. The proposals will ultimately minimise the service offered and reduce early help opportunities to the local community. The consultation does not state this in a way which parents can understand. The consultation leans heavily to a positive acceptance to the proposal.

more baby clubs. we need more opportunities to mix with other mums. I don't feel that there is enough for babies, This would help new mums adapt to family life and get us out of the house!

THE NEW NUTURE AND THRIVE PATHWAY IS GREAT. IF THIS WAS AVAILABLE IT RELAXED KIDS WHEN MY DAUGHTER WAS YOUNG WE COULD OF HELPED WITH SERVICE X.

NO

I am a professional who often attends meetings at the centre's, therefore this has been completed from that point of view and not as a 'service user'. I am fully aware of the amazing work that is carried out in the centres by very dedicated staff and I hope this will not change.

keep Netherton and the grange.

I think the council are making a big mistake getting rid of so many centres.

As I don't drive it is hard to get about in Sefton borougher as I walk to lot of places and it if something is to far to get to id not go and miss out on things that benefit myself children and family and this also effect my mental well beging

Sefton is a difficult borough to access without without the use of the car. Places like maghull are very isolated from access routes.

I WORRY THAT SUPPORT WHICH IS NECASSARY FOR OUR WELL BEING WILL BE LIMITED IF RESOURCES ARE HAVING TO BE STRETCHED FOR A LARGER AREA.

if I was unable to access Nethererton childrens centre I would not be able to cope with my family life the centre is a lifeline for myself and my children due to time constrates with school ect any further away we would not be able to access any other centres.

it will have a huge knock on effect taking communities 'hub' and 'safe place' away it will have an effect on peoples mental health.

I would stop coming out it will affect my well being and support as a lonely parent with a child with Autism it has helped me with my depression

NETHERTON childrens CENTRE Should NOT Be mixed with others it should be left as it is

I have 5 children under 11 (one with disability). I access services at my local childrens centre because it is convenient and no travel costs etc. If services moved further away I would be isolated.

childrens centres need to be kept open. New mums need these groups for peer support and to get them out of the house. Without these parents health and mental wellbeing will suffer.

I think there needs to be help, support + children programmes available for everyone to access easily. Even families that may not be vulnerable need to know that they have somewhere to go to discuss any potential problems. This may prevent a family or individual getting to a point where they may be vulnerable. I have used my local centre with both little girls and the support has definitely made a different to me + my family.

THE PROPOSAL WILL IMPACT MANY FAMILIES IN THE AREA. I WORRY THAT AS BEING A FAMILY NOT IN THE 'VULNERABLE' GROUP THAT SERVICES WILL BE RESTRICTED OR EVEN CUT COMPLETELY FOR ME.

It would be more beneficial to mums to be and mums to keep services local as they are. To make these changes would be to take the nish that new mums mental health will suffer as a result.

Without the group's baby stay + play, chatter boxes mellow, stay + play I would not of got the help & support I needed with my post natal depression and feel and feel this would have a major impact on my whole family see back page.

To ensure all centres are fully staffed to deliver services, enough staff to cover holidays + long term sickness to ensure there is no impact on service provision and ultimately the service user.

Freshfield is the main hub for the area and should remain a full centre.

Proposals discriminate against those who have limited funds for public transport/ no car.

I would like to keep using the centre we have.

there is a building in seaforth that could be used if it was brought up to standard. The old post office on school have seaforth.

myself and my children feel very settled with all the staff at seaforth childrens centre, any changes to this, childrens routines will cause upset, anxiety and stress to our entire family.

NO

I do not think that these proposals are the best for the people of sefton.

taking away the chance of the children to make a strong friendships and community within the area from different school getting to know each other also parents well being with no where else near by to go.

nowhere for children to socialise with eachother at the north end of southport. Churchtown, crossens, high park etc.

there is already not enough childrens centres in sefton. The requirements is 1 centre to 1000 children. This already does not cover needs. I have suffered years of domestic violence in relation I need swacca, a family support worker and carers to keep me going I suffer benefit problems so easier to walk local than walk miles away.

LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE. TO TRY AND CHANGE THINGS WOULD MEAN WE LOSE VITAL SERVICES.

WE ARE AT TALBOT STREET FORTNIGHTLY AND LINKAKER EVERY DAY. DO NOT TAKE THESE AWAY FROM US.

not a nice place has been picked for southport - family centre - it is where social care happens, when it is too late; can see safeguarding issues, would not feel safe going there!

Why does all the money is always sent to Bootle? What about Southport?

THIS IS JUST ABOUT CUTS

Stop these changes!!!

When was the community asked regarding our views? Money will be wasted once again!
The Talbot street building is unsafe

I don't think its right to close the centres. I am supposed to get my son weighed on a regular basis. Closing linaker childrens centre would make it a lot harder for me.

LEAVE LINKAKER WERE IT IS THE OTHER BUILDING IS NOT SUITABLE. LINKAKER IS IDEAL

some parents miss their opportunity to have their opinion. Maybe send their questionnaires to their homes.

childrens centre has nailed their marketing.

many professionals partner agencies use these centres ! to meet with families and young people.

THINK IT'S A TERRIBLE PROPOSAL AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, SPRINGWELL HAS HELPED ME AND MY CHILDREN ALOT. STAFF DO AN AMZING JOB AND SHOCKED THESE PROPOSALS HAVE EVEN BEEN OUT IN PLACE. YOU'RE REALLY NOT THINKING OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

I enjoy springwell park childrens centre and am very grateful for having the opportunity from them to enrol onto a adult learning course which led to me becomming employed in my job which I have been in for 2 years and really enjoy.

DO NOT CUT OUR CHILDRENS CENTRE SERVICES

Linkaker is a lot easier for me to access.

People need to be informed on what services or if services will be lost on the new proposals.

If the proposals to merge Childrens centres are to save cash would it not be X to leave Linaker Childrens centre where it is!

I don't want it to go ahead

I feel that this proposal will leave some families vulnerable when they wouldn't usually be with the support of well run local centres.

Feel that services are being cut once again!

I feel that Sefton are going to ruin an amazing childrens centre and families and children are going to suffer.

Its X X X children's development at risk. To say it is X based + co- X of services is rubbish.

Keep Springwell!

Springwell have done so much for me and my family they have pushed me to better myself to the point that I am now a member of bank staff and I also volunteer + run a lunch club in the centre.

the freshfield centre provides a wonderful environment for children and their development. Also a much needed meeting place for mothers. It would be a travesty to close the freshfield centre.

Keep childrens centres as they are.

I have made friends coming to the centre, it's nice to come and relax and all the staff are lovely :)

NETHERTON IS TOO FAR AWAY. YOU WILL LOSE LOADS OF FAMILIES THAT NEED HELP.

VITAL TO KEEP LINKAKER CENTRE OPEN AS PROVIDES EXCELLENT LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Netherton childrens centre has been a vital part of my after care plan. I would be lost without the care and support from my family support worker, Yvone. My children benefit so much from the nursery and after school clubs. I wouldn't of been able to get through the past 12 months without the support or help we have received as a whole family. The Netherton Childrens centre is vital for me and our family to progress on from my mental health, my family, my children, school and surroundings. When I was discharged from hospital the childrens centre visited my home with the crisis team. They have also helped massively with getting my children into the school closest to home and my youngest a 2 year offer.

due to have outreach for stay and play in caradoc mission church - supported by seaforth family centre also lunch club.

The childrens center has been a great help for over a year. I moved from blackpool to Netherton and was suffering with mental health problems due to the move. the center arranged for me to talk to a councillor and have the support I need. My mental health would have gone down hill rapidly if I didnt have the support. they helped with the support of bringing my daughter up. the staff are all very supportive and understanding of peoples individual needs. The new proposal would not be a good idea. it would exclude me and my family from the services the childrens center that have been vital for my mental health and the health of my family.

more needed for the children in terms of recreational.

why would you close a centre that families use everyday in area where there nothing for people.

I moved down from Blackpool 17, I was pregnant had no antenatal appointments- I was staying with my partners brother, the childrens centre came out and help me and my partner with housing, midwife, support with things we needed I.E baby clothes, toys, food banks, with general housing items, if it wasn't for the children center we wouldn't be where we are today. I take my son to stay and play and he loves it he has the biggest smile on his face when we are there. The staff are so welcoming and understanding and kindhearted.

Due to working I only attend 1-2 classes a week but these have been valuable for advice, support + to avoid isolation. I believe a lot of people would be prevented from attending centres if they had to travel to them.

we need professional staff for all services Netherpton childrens centre is ideal.

XXX Group after school.

We need professional staff for all services we need some staff our children have adjusted to these faces taking them would upset the children.

Formby is a large area with a lot of young families, I feel there should be a main base here, as a grand parent with 3 young children to look after I would find it impossible to travel into southport and bootle.

keep seaforth it is needed to protect, the mental health of the public.

the theory seems logical. However, with this reduction of centres means a reduction of services. Without you showing a timetable of services, how can I say if proposal is fair.

services are needed in local areas to offer/ provide much needed support for our families.

keep seaforth childrens centre. I do not have transport to travel further. I am looking to get a job and attending the centre has helped build my confidence and link in with job centre plus.

please don't close this centre down !!!

don't deprive the poorer areas of these vital services. In my professional opinion they make a real difference to peoples lives and outcomes.

maintain all bases in deprived areas with full range of services available as they make such a positive change to families I work with.

Can't travel all over the area feel it is the beginning of the end- all my friends that use this centre we are all in the same position money is tight. So scared I am going like without any support if this centre isn't here with the services that I use- I like to be able to drop in not want it to be appointment only !!!

I have suffered with depression for a number of years and I have found it difficult to even go out of my house at times but having the centre to go to has really helped me. I find it very

comforting to know that I can just walk into the centre and be able to talk to somebody about my worries. Over the years I have accessed nearly every course that has been on offer. I have accessed everything from midwife services, baby health, to mental health issues.

not enough information people making decisions when they are not aware of the needs of the local people Not enough consultation time for parents to get together and discuss their needs.

Coming to Netherton children centre has helped me overcome my anxiety. I have accessed volunteer course which led me to volunteer at the children centre. I access Sefton carers which help me a lot. Netherton children centre has been my life saver, because if I haven't been to any sessions or it wasn't there, I would be sat at home, depressed and not able to cope with problems that my son has, I would not be the mother I am now to my children. I would not be able to go anywhere else to access anything through my anxiety. Netherton children centre is the only place that feels like home and is always welcoming.

I have used centre since moved from Liverpool to Sefton. The Netherton children centre have been my rock with me and my family staff are on my taff meeting's, support in family home, my daughter is in the 2 year offer, she doesn't like change, Im at the course's I use it 4 days aweek, I'm having 2 parents trouble in the area the Netherton children centre have been there throughout plus if this wasn't open I would be dead by now.

1) Keep the same staff. People don't like changes. 2) My daughter will be using the Netherton childrens centre Part of her 2 year nursery placement. 3) I want to still be able to come to the Netherton childrens centre to help with my needs or problems cos if they cant help me they will always find out who can, with help + support!

money is very tight. So public transport is not possible for my daughter will not use a pram but she is getting to big for it anyway. She also will not walk long distances. I have used the centre for 8 years. It is part of mine and my childrens lives. This centre has helped and moulded me into the mother and person I am. Everyone in this centre is friendly and trustworthy. I have social problems and can not speak to anyone I don't no it took me years to feel comfortable around everyone here and would feel like I am starting off from scratch I can not do that I like this centre and staff to much to change. If you were to ask my children how they would feel you would get a headache, its cruel to take away the 1 place we all feel comfortable we have been to all groups and all courses and hoping there be more.

Netherton childrens centre has been part of my everyday life for many years. my 2 year old is starting nursery here in January he has been coming here since he was born, hes happy settled + friendly with all staff here. I have 2 young children 2 + 7 months who love coming + enjoying many stay + play sessions, chatter matters, Respite, I attended many courses here, Think differently cope differently, positive thoughts, maths, mellow bumps and lots more. I have used the safety gates + locks in the home which is fabulous for free. I really like coming here and would be really upset if there was any changes affecting our centre. I come here

friendly with everyone help me + my children, I feel really happy and positive when leaving centre. everyone is friendly + always happy to help in any way they can. I walk to + from the centre if I had to travel it would stop me leaving the house worrying about expences as I don't have money for travel.

Coming to Netherton Children's Centre is a relief to myself and my children. On a Thursday's I come to sefton careers which is a resbite and support network of Mother's and father's. Ive also frequently been on planned trips which has give my children and outlet and a X of I don't feel alone and isolated dealing with challenges I face at home. I can come to Netherton's children's centre and feel the support is always 100%. I struggle with change as well as my children. so if I need to speak to someone it will be the staff and support network in Netherton.

Evening groups for working people Saturday/Sunday sessions full time working parents can it be for over 19yrs care leavers too.

I think they should be joined together the ages 0-25 as care leavers need support up to 25. have the wellbeing centres up to the age 25

THE PROPOSAL IS YET ANOTHER BLOW TO THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY. IF THESE PROPOSALS ARE BROUGHT IN A WHOLE GENERATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILL NOT THRIVE.

I feel that this will result in a reduction in activities. My child has benifitted so much from all the services that linaker childrens centre has provided - what a shame that this is going to change. I agree with all the principles you have stated about the proposed changes, but these principles are already being met in my eyes. lets be honest - its all about cutting funds and saving money, this is a shame.

No

I feel that seaforth has very few facilities. All the proposed areas have leisure centres, libraries etc. in walking distance, we need seaforth.

please don't forget the importance of making local friends.

local provision for local people with familiar people who you can build up a trust and positive relationship.

our childrens centre is a vital community centre with great helpful staff.

please do not shut us down.

keep Hudson open

I think its a great shame to target childrens centres for cuts. It will affect the whole community.

Hudson is not only a childrens centre but acts as a community centre bringing families together with its great range of activities and open door policy you are always made to feel welcome.

further information regarding specifics of what proposed service changes would look like needs to be provided if you are asking for consultation feedback.

I strongly oppose any changes which would result in a reduction of services at Hudsons children centre.

it would be a real shame if the childrens centre closes as it was the biggest support for me, I made friends for life.

the service is vital for some families and shutting/ moving will cut people off.

I totally disagree with the proposal.

Hudson childrens centre and its services helped me see the light after a few very dark times after birth.

keep Hudson (fundraisers ect if needed)

I think there is a strong case to maintain the current services at Farnborough.

keep Farnborough rd as a main hub

it will be a shame if the centres close as it is a place to meet other children and mums.

I think it would be a travesty to get rid of the local centres.

it may be a good idea to see posters on bus stops or trains or on buses for local offers.

I am concerned about 'class' size. Too few venues could mean fewer sessions and large classes. This would mean those who run the classes don't get to know you/ baby. Large classes could mean fewer people would turn up g/fwd as they cant book a place, more intimidating, less personal etc. A central venue in southport as opposed to my more local venues would put me off attending a class as it would be difficult to get there. I would then feel more isolated at home alone. Any centre retained would need ramp access for prams.

the staff and facilities here are vital if you take them away then this will here a detrimental effect on the local community. I will not be travelling to places I do not know to soeak to staff about personal challenges as I wont know them either. Please listen to the community.

I feel I would struggle and would have really struggled night after birth if it wasn't for Farnborough road childrens centre. Also breastfeeding support.

I find the childrens centre amazing. My daughter is struggling to settle into nursery, XXX was the 1st person I went to for advice. I have used the centre since the girls were newborn, I couldn't speak higher of its services and its staff. We always take part in the school holiday activities now that the girls are older. Please don't change it.

don't want to see any closed its good for kids development

improve sefton website info re these services. I found it distinctly unhelpful and difficult to navigate!

over the last 5 years, I have very much valued the support and services provided at the childrens centre. I had the opportunity to run a group support families living with serious allergies. They play such an important role in young families development.

Farnborough road childrens centre is vital to our young and expanding family. The services they provide are excellent and we wouldn't be able to access another location because I don't drive. I walk to Farnborough.

another way to try and cut costs without thinking of the wider needs of the community.

I need to be able to easily access services in Netherton - under one roof. 1. have accessed: mental health support counselling/ safe place to talk. 2. child development and parenting courses 3. early help plan led by family development worker - easy to talk to, meetings at local centre and ongoing support, advice, phone calls. 4. really need to access local services for my family - staff who know me.

all good suggestions so far. I would also like to see more focus on domestic violence affecting adults.

I use the childrens centre daily, I come to the stay and plays, I use the crèche and the childrens a lot, even to access other agencies such as Jo Jingles and first aid, my son benefits from coming to the childrens centre because he is two years old, we are a family who are not entitled to the two year offer, so without the services put on by the childrens centre he wouldn't be able to spend time with other children or adults or become school ready. As a family who aren't entitles to benefits or fall under the category of 'targeted family' the childrens centre has helped us to access services and welcomed us in and signposted us to services and things going on, if the childrens centre was to merge, what would happen with the families who don't suffer mental health issues or need support, we need somewhere to go as well! We are and will be forgotten as many families will have and still have access to certain services, where are the likes of me, ill fall under the radar and then could become a targeted family, surely early intervention is key and if it wasn't for me being able to access the childrens centre , I could fall into mental health issues, depression so then I would be a targeted family and be able to access services?

the staff and resources from Netherton childrens centre have been amazing. They never fail to help me through anything I need, they have been there more than my own family. They have helped me so much through my post natal depression from diagnosis to finally coming through the other side of it. They have helped me with my childrens dad and my money being stopped they offered food bank vouchers, always with a kind word and support. My son who is now 4 suffers from autism, he struggles with learning and problems with potty training. He attended the 2 year offer in their nursery and he thrived they paid so much attention to the problems he was having and did everything they could to help, including providing me with information and ways we could help him at home. He is now in full time school and fully potty trained, his speech is amazing, He is more social with other children and I owe it all to the support of the childrens centre. They have helped me with forms, my housing benefit and grants that have helped me provide a better life and home for my children. I honestly don't know how I would of got through the last few years without their help and support and I know many families that feel the same. They also took me and my children on a trip to chester zoo and I have never seen my kids smile so much, an amazing trip that I unfortunately wouldn't be able to afford myself.

these centres need to be accessible to all families and they should be easy to access eg/ public transport is ck but a lot of families do not have the money to use public transport.

its a terrible idea

everything works fab already leave it as it is.

please see back page.

don't change how thing are already,. No proposal.

proposals are a cost-cutting strategy, which will further limit + reduce existing services. This will foster loneliness, lack of access to support + peer communication for children + parents ; particularly those most in need !!!

im worried about tossing this service.

KEEP LINAKER OPEN!!

Yes! leave linaker open. I access this as I use the nursery. I do not like change and would not use an unfamiliar building and unfamiliar staff. I have used the family centre in the past, this is not a time I wish to remember. I have moved on with my life and don't ever wish to re-visit it. I have painful memories of the place. I wouldn't go there.

my kids love the childrens centre in seaforth they have made so many friends. Also the staff are amazing and have been so supporting when things are getting hard.

this needs to be received so budgets are adjusted and cut budgets elsewhere in the sefton council to ensure all existing staff and centres stay open as per Liverpool council have chosen to keep their centres open and cut budgets in other areas.

please leave the centre open

childrens centre pay integral part in childs development - all classes have been accessed or used with both my children.

services need to be offered in evening weekends especially when dealing with such a large age range - many people need to return to work after 9-12 months.

I feel having just three main bases covering such a wide age range and service will lead to lengthy waiting times for many important services.

I think it would be a shame if the groups stopped. Good support.

why not make a voluntary charge for baby massage and yoga so still accessible. Baby stay and play very important to stop new mums feeling isolated and lonely which could lead to PND.

wellbeing 'tasters' maybe monthly/ 2 monthly like *****, creative arts.

the more opportunities a child has for stay and play the better for their development.

the people who use these services may cause safeguarding problems if placed in a school.

keep childrens centre open.

keep our children centres the way they are as people need them and they help out so many families with children.

keep the thornton centre !

I would have been completely lost without the support of CC's and the contacts I have built.

please don't close thornton children centre my son is 2 and does not attend a private nursery so this is the only pre-school type he does.

the centre at thornton serves a vast and diverse community. 'stay to play' has run for 4 yrs all free to the parents and centre. It brings in over 20 families per session and has been very successful. I have also seen the excellent service provided to the community by the centre for other services.

I cannot stress enough how valuable support of waterloo and thornton centres is to parents like me. To lose any of the staff or services would place new parents and families at a huge disadvantage going forward.

please help baby massage, book working and breastfeeding support going.

the local childrens centre have been a vital part of my life as a new mum with twins. The groups on offer would be the only reason I would leave the house on some days.

please see page 13. Also, I think serious consideration needs to be given to the separate services offered by linaker childrens centre and Talbot street family centre. The first offers groups and support for any family to access. The second is primarily a base for families involved with childrens services.

please see back page.

listen to every opinion

want to save money? sell bootle strand (or stop scaring off potential customers with traffic wardens). Hanging baskets are lovely if you have time to look.

want Cambridge to remain the same services work and benefit me and the kids in every way possible.

I think that the stay + playcentres, particularly waterloo provide a vital service to a range of mums/firsttime mums. I personally suffered postnatal depression with my first baby + going to the stay + play really helped. Saved me even, it was a great chance to meet other mums + I didn't feel alone. Please keep them open!

Save the present services we have already lost local libraries and groups that usually run at the centre's again a change in resources means Ainsdale and Southport area loses out!

Children centre shouldn't be shut down

I'm not clear on what the evidence base is for children's centres and how wide ranging their impact has been? . I'm not sure how well you've tested through this what actual 'services' you're proposing is based in these centres & how willing all the population would be to attend. I don't have any personal experience of family centres although I know through my job they are absolutely fundamental to supporting social care with keeping children safe & facilitate contact. With regards to children's centres, personally when I was pregnant and my children were under 5 I did not like being made to attend these centres for appointments with midwives and health visitors. I'd rather attend the gp surgery. I'd rather 2 year health checks took place at home or at nursery or I was at least given a choice of venue. Have you considered the requirement for complimentary basis? I personally feel Sefton needs to get away from its appointment and referral system and get into communities, back into homes esp in the homes of pre school children and be much more outreach focused.

The Early Help that the children's centre provide in Netherton is crucial to the support and prevention of major safeguarding issues for vulnerable families. Without this support many of these families will undoubtedly end up needing serious help from social care, health services

and police intervention. The serious nature of the issues within the families need the support of the children's centre.

The description of Family Wellbeing Centres and what they will offer Sefton families is vague so it is difficult to comment. It seems to be implying that the focus of the offer will be for families who are in the social care or early help pathways. These are not the only families who need support. Early years support is vital to help parents with issues such as healthy eating / obesity; early development; school and nursery readiness; behavioural problems; speech and language (communication) problems; mental health and wellbeing issues, domestic violence / safeguarding issues etc. Having somewhere to attend that is non-judgemental and where there are trained / informed staff is a truly preventative offer. Early signs that a parent or child may need help are identified because the Centre staff know families and support them. This would be lost in 'Family Wellbeing' centres that offered only services to troubled families. A 0 - 19 year olds service will be a watered down offer that will work for the few - not the many. Without Children's Centres more families will fail to thrive and reach their full potential. This will result in more families ending up in the Social Care / Early Help system. I feel that merging Family Centres and Children's Centres will not provide a preventative service for ALL Sefton families. They are 2 very different services. I would urge council members to work with the managers and staff to make the financial cuts that would meet Sefton Council's budget requirements while offering the best service for all local families

Once again - it would be irretrievable damage to a community to lose Linaker Children's centre, they do a lot of prevention work, e.g mental health, helps with loneliness and isolation, there is no breastfeeding support anywhere else, international group very beneficial, mother and baby bonding groups, clinics are so easy to access and flows really nice because staff puts a lot of effort to organise it all, very informative. Please keep it going for community! Thank you

If you are reducing the locations of services, it would be better to offer more classes and services in the remaining ones, as a lot of classes and courses are fully booked already-if there is going to be more people using fewer services then people are going to miss out unfortunately! Having the option to go to groups has really helped me become a mum and have a reason to get out each day and meet new people.

The children's centre at Linaker St has been invaluable to me with the development and support after having my children I shall be very upset should this support be in any way reduced as these proposals indicate.

The council buildings are not the nicest of places to attend and those based on school sites will not want some of the services at the front of their school building. I am concerned how the local community will access preventative services if the most vulnerable services will be probably the only on offer at the Children's centre. Public will assume that as the centres

aren't closing they think there will be no changes, when there will be, but they will not realise this until all universal support has gone!

These services are vital to our community, my local centre has provided me with lots of support through my pregnancy and my newborns development. I have used the service for many years and it would be a shame to change or cost cut. More money should be made available for early years development and ensuring families have support, a community network and facilities to thrive at such a vulnerable time!

Linaker children's centre is a brilliant place, I have been attending there for the last 4 years. After having my second child I felt very down and alone but the staff there from the receptionists to the session leaders always made me feel welcome and part of the group, they always listened and helped me regain my confidence. I am pregnant with baby number 3 and if Linaker children's centre were to go I worry I would not be able to attend other centres as they are not as close and it can be a struggle waking everywhere with kids.

Stop cutting youth services!!! Enough is enough

Cambridge rd is a lifeline to parents in this area and needs to be kept as it is.

It must be clear what services are provided in delivery centres as it will be difficult for some families in more deprived areas to travel!!

Linaker Children's Centre is the heart of its community, it is well established and has a reputation amongst parents and partners for providing outstanding support. The Children's Centre environment removes barriers to access and engagement. Families can attend sensitive/personal services confidently. The same cannot be said for Talbot Street family centre, the families who attend Talbot Street do so as part of a C.P/CIN plan, they do not attend through choice. Talbot Street has a stigma attached to it which is widely known across the north of the borough and families would not choose to take their children there. Services should be left at Linaker Children's Centre or moved to the Atkinson where Linaker already has a delivery base.

Its a crime to take Linaker and the 2 support sites

I hope the cuts won't affect the service that is needed!

It is really important that local families to Cambridge are able to attend a base with familiar faces and within walking distance. It would be hugely detrimental to the local community to have the family support workers and centre manager removed from Cambridge children's centre as there are so many vulnerable families who have built excellent relationships with them.

What will happen to the staff at Linaker they have been a god send to and my family.

I would be lost without our local centre, the team has helped me and my family in a time of crisis, and still continue to support me now. I know if there is anything I need I can go there for help and advice Please don't close the centre!

Please stop disguising a poorly thought out cost saving exercise as developing a new model of services!

I wouldn't like to see any of the services taken away from the Freshfield centre as it has so many resources we use there

This would be such a shame on our current childrens services, yet another example of the government downgrading all facilities, what hope is there for our children?

Since P2000 closed, I was unable to access any groups with my child as Linaker told me I was outside their catchment area. I have been hoping (as I am pregnant again), that something would open in the north of Southport that I would be allowed to access, but it appears these changes would make things even more difficult for me and the people living in my area.

We know that early intervention equals prevention; therefore why take away vital services for children and move them to a centralised base which may be difficult to access? Also, it would appear that Sefton want to focus on the most vulnerable children in the borough, which is understandable. However, I feel this is incredibly short sighted as the universal children and families are almost forgotten about, potentially leading to problems arising for them. I, for one could not have coped without the support from my LOCAL children's centre in the early days after my baby was born. He is now one year old and we still access the children's centre weekly and we value the support dearly, that is offered.

Don't close the services or reduce these vital life lines for families

Sefton should be ploughing MORE money into early identification of need, NOT cutting interventions and services. This is not addressing the needs of the local population of children and families.

The groups run by the centres (farnborough rd and kings meadow) have been amazing, helping me so much with both my baby and toddler. They are great for new parents as well as for the children's development. I am not sure i would have coped as well as i did without their support each week.

I always thought having children's centres working alongside schools was a brilliant idea to create a link between schools and community and to introduce families to their potential future schools early and therefore have a continuity in working with families who need support. Outsourcing facilities to big isolated centres does not say 'linked-up support' to me. I have worked with children and now had experience as a parent and it is ridiculous how little different services are communicating and linked up and how long it takes to get to the right

person/provision. However, I am not confident that creating big health centres will tackle the problem and proposals seem vague at best. Unfortunately I only see it as 'how can we scratch services and save money whilst seen as improving things and acting in the communities best interest!' I am really not convinced the families in need or the general public are being served better that way.

The changes need to be mindful in relation to travel, most people will walk, how close is it for them

Staff in children centres have been invaluable during pregnancy and as a new mother. They have offered me support and help. The children centred have been integral to keeping me happy and helped with post natal mental health and bonding with my child. It is a service I hope to use the facilities in the future

Cambridge children's centre is an excellent base The community needs this centre it has so many families accessing it everyday and alot of them would have to go very far if we were to shut, this centre is such a huge support network for the local families. I have worked there for nearly 7 years as a childcare practitioner and my daughter attends childcare in the 2-3 room. I would have to not only find a new job but new childcare provision for my daughter who is 2 years old. I'm a single parent and the attitude and support I get from Cambridge is second to none. I wouldn't put my daughter anywhere else. Thanks

I understand you need to save money but in my opinion these proposals of changing our children's centre will have a very direct impact on our children. Your proposals on what you will be delivering sounds great but if people can't or won't access them in the proposed wellbeing centres then they will get even less of a service than they do now. My youngest does not cope well with change, new staff buildings etc so this will have a direct impact on his mental wellbeing.

I do think there is a huge risk being taken reducing these services, from a professional stance having studied health and social care and from the perspective of a mother of 2. These groups or weigh in clinic really are such a huge support to mothers and children (fathers too). I made a very close group of friends from attending one particular group at Kings Meadow and another at Linaker, these friendships have continued until my little boy has started school. Mothers can't all afford to pay to attend groups and meet other mums I do honestly think for society the services offered at children's centres are a small price to pay for society to ensure there is no isolation.

I understand that budget is a major reason for these changes and money doesn't grow on trees! However I worry that amalgamating centres will reduce the amount of service users as there would be more travel involved and from personal experience, I know the staff in my local Childrens centre and they know me and my family. Some families struggle with opening up and sharing information and children's centre staff have worked so hard to build these relationships with families and offer relevant support and advice to cater to each

family. Would this be replicated in a bigger centre with less time to spend with families and make it less personable, comfortable? I think it's not broken don't try to fix it and children's centres are an invaluable service for families to access for advice, fun activities and being part of a community hub:

The services I have accessed since having my little boy have been invaluable. I have had postnatal anxiety and depression and the baby groups and courses I've done (especially the mum and baby wellbeing course) have I believe saved me from feeling considerably worse. It has also prevented me from becoming isolated. I moved to Southport recently and didn't really know anyone locally. I have met great friends through the children's centre who I meet regularly now and who are a great support. I really don't think I'd have been able to cope anywhere near as well without access to the services I have used, and my little boy would have suffered as a result of me not coping. I can't say strongly enough how important these services have been for me.

My local children's centre was invaluable to me when I had my first child and has continued to support my family for the past 6 years. Over the years I have seen services cut, classes removed and budgets slashed but throughout all of this the staff and volunteers have continued to be dedicated and passionate about the support and service they deliver. It would be a travesty to not have this amazing service so locally.

Sefton council need to think long and hard about cutting any form of children services. In an already underfunded and struggling service they need to inject more funding and make a great service even better. Families heavily rely on these services and to remove a lifeline is just not the right way to go.

The fantastic service provided by the Linaker children's centre (at Linaker and at the Atkinson) has been invaluable in helping us through our first 6 months with a new baby. I would hate to see this service compromised for other new parents in the future, and anticipate using the service for many years to come as my baby grows. Could those who can afford it perhaps pay a small fee to attend some of the classes / courses if this meant that they could continue at their current locations?

I think you should leave all centres as they are to focus on the children and may be have the adult provisions for money etc in the town centre where the population require them most. Linaker and Farnborough are used by myself and my friends a lot of my friends use the Atkinson also (this has not been used by me as older child too big) we need a small safe place to go within walking distance from our homes to be able to make friends who our children can then attend school with which is what my eldest has had the luxury of doing. The mums are a support network for each other and the staff are amazing too

Please keep the centres where they are as not all families can drive and if local it means they have somewhere to drop in if needing support. I use Linaker as it provides a wide range of fun activities for my family thinking about their health development in a fun and exciting

way. Families need these bases for support and feel comfortable with places and people they know. The staff do an amazing job and have reached all over the community there is not a hospital clinic park library in which you see a linker sign hosting an event or offering support or advice to families. They have really thought about there community and what they as professionals can offer with support. .

The Talbot Centre is down a back street and not easy to find , also has history of being a Social Worker Centre

DO NOT CLOSE FRESHFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRE,IT PROVIDES SO MUCH SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES IN THE AREA.

please can we continue having the services offered by childrens centre remain in the childrens centre.

Formby residents would not travel to Southport for most services, it is essential that they can access support for their families within Formby. For example, at Freshfield Children's Centre, the new baby programme ensures that new mums are supported fully during the weeks after their baby is born. They have access to the well baby clinic, baby massage and a Family Development Worker for advice and support at a time when it is difficult to even leave the house. They meet new friends with babies of the same age and are able to socialise and share experiences with families living in the same area. Centre staff get to know the families as they visit regularly and are able to pro-actively address any issues in the early stages.

Loosing first steps children centres will stop parents and children accessing the services available to them. Smaller, more personal services are what families of small children need. Bigger, busier services are a real put off, even more so for families where the parents or children have additional needs.

I think sefton should keep their services the same as we really enjoy using the children's centres and have found them to be very useful and helpful as a first time mum

The Cambridge children's centre Bootle has been very helpful to me as a previous foster carer and a childminder and also a grandparent. The Staff are all helpful friendly and offer excellent advice. They take a personal interest in myself and the children I have cared for and it is within easy reach to where I live. It would be a great shame to lose this vital service in our local community.

Farnborough children's centre has been so valuable to my family for the past eight years, I feel it should stay as it is and no changes should be made to this amazing service

Sefton council need to stop cutting vital places for parents and children and need to focus on what's really important as these children will be the future community of southport

The childrens centres offer an excellent service - it is a terrible idea what is being proposed!

think its ridiculous some parents an carers and the children dont do well with change an will make life harder for a lot of people.

Do not change what it is, its taken me and allot of other people moving with anxiety to change this about. It would be terrible to change what already is a great thing

keep the centres as they are. They are valuable services that we need.

Leave it as it is!

My son and daughter have both attended the fabulous 2 year old nursery in the children's centre at Farnborough and I have attended lots of there fabulous classes from birth to now, the staff are fabulous, very friendly and nothing is too much trouble, This is a ludicrous idea as surely money would have to be spent on updating talbot st? Plus you would loose a lot of footfall as parents use the centre as it's attached to the school and fits in with times of school

I think the proposals are utterly ludicrous and will be to the detriment of all families across Sefton. It will undo the huge amount of good work that has taken place since the inception of Children's Centres.

The range of services provided should be taken into account I currently attend 3 things a week through linaker with at least 2 other sessions I could attend but can't due to other commitments that's something on daily! They do things I've not seen other centres do such as groups for new mums to meet up and activities during the summer for older children

If anything the services should be increased not decreased. To do so will be selfish and at a detriment to the local communities who rely on them.

We are just making way with breastfeeding support and Hudson is key to patents in Maghull for being supportive and friendly

I don't feel the proposals are very clear and am concerned about how they will affect the services I plan on accessing after my baby is born and which I know other parents have found very beneficial

Anyone in secton should be able to attend any centre they wish. At 14 days old i took my daughter to little treasures and kings meadow after a recommendation from a friend. I made lots of friends and attended some wellbeing / tummy time classes and after about 8 weeks of attending the sessions regualy I was told I shouldnt be going to kinsmeadow or farnborough road. 'My' centre was Linaker as I live in Crossens. I didnt go again and in the hardest time I felt alone and annoyed that I hadnt been told the was a catchment area. It isnt clear there is a catchment area for these centres. I was told not to go to the sessions again at kings meadow. Fabulous news for a new mum of a 8 week old baby. My midwife and health visitor never told me about the centres or what services i could access. I didnt do an antinatal class such as mellow bump, i only attended little treasures with a friend as I just didnt know they existed.

Whilst pregnant I suffered with anxiety and depression and I truly believe visiting Freshfield Children's Centre has stopped me from suffering post natal depression. I was invited to a welcome meeting at which I met other mums and found information on classes to attend. This was the first place I breastfed in public and gave me the confidence to continue. I would hate to see this facility lost as it's played such a big and amazing part in mine and my daughters lives and I know it has helped many others too.

The entire consultation seems to have been written to skew answers so you get the responses that you want. You are attempting to cut a huge chunk of budget whilst claiming that it will make no difference. I have just moved out of Netherton: the Children's Centre do a fantastic job with a reduced budget but children will suffer. If you cut services to under 5s you will have to pay more for services to over 5s and teenagers when small problems become magnified due to lack of early support. As a mum I have found Netherton Children's Centre invaluable and I can see how Freshfield is an important part of the community even though it is a more affluent area. Depression and isolation are high and full time Children's centres help to alleviate this for parents.

Suggestions as above- more facilities in the churchtown area.

Please reconsider your plans. These changes will be at the detriment to our community. Find ways to save elsewhere

I think services are good in Springwell but wish they had little chefs class as I attended that in Stonycroft. Also wish had more for 2 year olds as more for younger and older

Please don't do away with child development programs like Little Treasures at Kings Meadow - they offer vital support for new parents and help prevent post natal depression as well as advice and help with baby development etc

For myself and my baby, Talbot St family centre has been and is amazing and so helpful, we would have been lost without the support of such a wonderful dedicated team. Kings Meadow and Farnborough Rd have also been a main support from the beginning for first steps. Please, please continue to make sure we get to keep these very much needed services. Many thanks.

I would have been lost without the Freshfield Children's Centre in the first 12 months of my son's life. The support was brilliant.

Children's centre websites better kept up to date . One website for all

I think the children's centres are an excellent place where, in my experience, new mums feel welcomed and it is an opportunity to meet other new mums who are in a similar circumstance. As a mum who works 4 days per week and is educated to degree level I personally do not do the support of adult education classes, however, the child development classes provided in the children's centres have been invaluable to the confidence in the new

'mum role'. Whilst improving services are important I would hope that the fundamentals of children's groups are maintained for parents.

Leave linaker as it is.

1. Breast start needs to come back. We need more support To encourage people to stick with it. 2. Whole whole booklet with whats on would be good. 3 we need more toddler groups and activities around birkdale and ainsdale. 4. More support with encouraging literacy. 5. Hold more parent friendly classes eg potty training which we can bring the child along.

Talbot Street, to my knowledge, is currently in use for those people who suffer with drug and alcohol addiction. I would not be happy to attend such a place with my child or by myself.

Stop making life difficult for new parents. You claim to be helping the well being of families but you are actually causing more stress and anxiety by closing existing centres down. I may live in the West Lancs area but I access Sefton centres as they are easiest for me to get to....this will not be the case In the future and I think I will be looking at accessing services in West Lancs instead as a result of these proposed changes.

Other local authorities have done exactly this and seen a rise in social care which then in turn explodes.

Cutting on children services is only going to cause this country getting worse and even more behind other countries!

Don't do it!

As a parent having the services on offer in one place such as Linaker is vital. The staff are amazing and so helpful. Everything is under one roof which enables service users to feel comfortable and confident to attend a variety of sessions.

I feel careful consideration is needed if families currently using Seaforth Children Centre/Family Centre are going to be expected to access other centres. For some parents this is their first point for advice, support and generational families have used it.

I would like to point out that a study by Oxford University 2016 showed that families who use children's centres do much better than those who don't. I work in a deprived area of Sefton, some parents do not have the luxury of driving! How is this going to affect them and their families please?

I truly believe that a merger of this level is going to cause more isolation, depravity and a lower level of health amongst children.

Reducing the access to children's centres is a shortsighted money saving idea from a government who seems to disregard the health and wellbeing of anybody who is not rich. It is appalling that they find it acceptable to put people's mental health in jeopardy by taking

these centres away. Hudson was and is a godsend to me, especially when my children were little. I often couldn't afford the children's hobbies like Tumble tots , time for Ted etc. Hudson offered free walk in sessions that my children loved and that helped my mental health as they took me out of the house and helped me access support and make friends. Please do not close this centre down.

I dont agree with the proposal at all. The impact on the community will be detrimental and will have such a negative effect. How does this proposal promote every child matters or is it that only some children matter. The staff at Springwell have always made me feel welcome and i certainly would not be prepared to travel to any other centre.

i do not agree wif the proposal

How much money will the council save ? As you need to find more money for the budget, Does this mean people will loose their jobs? If you close some bases down what will you do with them?

I think you need to be transparent and say where all the 'Locality' bases will be

I propose saving are made elsewhere even if it means reducing the offer slightly.

As above. The first steps children's centre is a vital service for new and existing mums and families. I moved into the area from Manchester not knowing many people and not having much experience with babies. The children's centre offer at kings meadow was so supportive offering classes which are a life line to new mums, I only have to walk to kings meadow for a friendly supportive service and their staff and groups are second to none. Even my husband uses dads club to help him bond with the kids and make new friends. The groups such as readiness for school, top tots, little treasures, toddler group and rhyme time have helped build confidence in my children and aided their communication skills. Moving or losing this service would be like tearing the heart out of our community. Please continue to fund this service!

Leave it alone. The last changes made it so I couldn't access half the services, and I'm definitely not the only person. There are already next to no services in Southport.

Having services locally and within easy access areas i.e. easy parking is essential with children with disabilities. I would feel uncomfortable visiting places of worship regardless of the denomination and think services should remain as they are.

Get the centre's more active on Facebook sharing info on classes etc.

Linaker Children's Centre is a well known establishment and is loved by all its families no matter what Sefton Council say about this extraordinary centre the answer is we all say NO you CANNOT close Linaker Children's Centre or change it the support and the staff are out of this world so this cannot happen Linaker Children's Centre should remain untouched end of!!!

This is a cost cutting exercise which drives people away from services and fails vulnerable residents who are not always aware of the support they can access or and who may not have the confidence to access larger centres that can be quite intimidating also often these residents are less likely to travel further to seek out help. I am opposed to the proposal as there is no valid data to support them that you have been able to present in support

This is not a meaningful consultation as it does not set the context of what is level of resources which will be invested in these services over the coming years compared to current resource levels.

Change is good, sometimes. However, in regards to the North of Sefton, changing to Talbot Street would not be good. Many families who attend Linakers are of course from the local area but there are many more who live further away & even they are shocked at this proposal! I speak on behalf of at least 50 families who have spoken about it this week. Please leave Linakers the way it is, we need it!!!!

Litherland children's centre (including the sessions held at st Paul's church hall) is beneficial for me with having two young sons (2 and 4 months) it helps them interact with other children as me and my husband both work and are not entitled to any government funding towards child care etc. I think me and my boys would be sad if it merged or moved somewhere else

As above

I think that if children's centres will be part of the family centres then the families that need the support will get priority over the families(like myself) who need the support to prevent bigger situations occurring. The support I have with the children's centre is especially important to me because I feel that I know they have all of the support on hand for me and I am worried that the bigger age group 0-19 will overtake the younger generations needs before they arise. As I have an early years background I am fully aware of how important early development and attachment is I often needed support in the early days.

The thornton children's center has prevented me and my family for being escalated to social I feel it can be a very very lonely life living with children with disabilities but know I can just nip to the Thornton for some help just takes the unneeded stress from our life which helps me provide and healthy and safer life for my family

I type the local groups leaflet and the What's on. Active Sefton provide their own booklet. I gather my information from local people and the staff. We have so many people who visit the centre, professionals as well as parents, take this information with them. We use facebook, twitter and website too. We email over 3000 people with the What's On, Then we email schools, nurseries, professionals. We are a source of information, and if we do not have the information we then go and seek it to help the parents.

Hopefully, these changes will target the families and children that they were originally meant to. Since having my own children, the centres provided fantastic opportunities to socialise

and get to know others, plus engage with wonderful practitioners that man these facilities. I am back in full time work now, as are my mum friends and I truly hope you manage to target those with a weaker work/parenting ethic.

There is nothing in netherton to take away a vital service that I think stopped me from getting post natal depression will affect the local community. We need this centre

I attended the children's centre in Netherton several times a week whilst I was on maternity leave. This was in relation to the drop in clinic - which was a brilliant free service of reassurance, or the baby groups ie baby massage or stay and play providing opportunities for interaction with other babies and parents

Sefton have supported Children's centres longer than some local authorities and should be applauded for that, Children and Families in sefton need these services to remain as they are. Although Sefton Council needs to cut costs and closing childrens centres would do this, in the long term cutting Childrens centre services will have a detrimental effect on communities and outcomes for children.

I access Seaforth Children's Centre at least 3 times a week with my children it's a life line for me. Getting out of the house and being apart of the community helps a tremendous amount and benefits my family so much. it has been a great support system for myself. If this was to close or move to far away I could not afford to access other centre as with most others using this centre.

The suggested proposal will ruin what already exists, it provides no additional support as to what there already is and would disrupt what children know and understand to be safe and happy surroundings.

I think you need to look at the increasing number of issues faced by centres in terms of safe guarding and parental support, number of children attending, increased diversity of language and look at where is already fulfilling needs and check that proposals are correct for Sefton at this time of expansion and work and this isn't just a way of saving money irrespective of what is needed. You need to keep the staff who can do the work.

Think the whole thing is daft. Keep local family help local and accessible. Think you need to put yourselves in the shoes of the people and families who actually need, rely and use the services not ideals and textbook examples because real life needs real people. Even though it is 2017 we still need community and trust

We need more services in maghull. Like many other areas. The more cuts made the larger problems become in the area. Hudson already have limited service with many people not using it as much as there isn't much on. Activities need to be promoted more. I think merging centres in more deprived areas is going to have a negative impact in the community. Many people can't drive and relief on these centres as a life line. Children will suffer and parents will suffer.

Leave Linaker untouched

I feel so let down by these proposals and I know a lot of other people do too. Linaker children's centre is embedded into my community and is an integral part of it too. I disagree with the proposals of closing it down and having another base in an unpleasant area. I wouldn't visit Talbot street and would feel lost and isolated with who else to go to.

As above, parking facilities are needed, parking in Talbot street is likely to be abused by people wishing to shop in town!

I'm very concerned that your proposal does not go up to 25 for those young people with SEND. That there is little thought for the impact these cuts will have on families who are already under immense pressure to support their child with additional needs. Siblings do not seem to be counted for in these services. And universal services will not adequately support families that need specialist support because of their child's complex needs. If all budgets are cut as dramatically as it suggests in the budget (yes I have read it) long term effects will mean more money will need to be spent because families are in crisis as they haven't been properly supported. With proper early interventions.

It is vital to ensure that all children's needs are met including those with disabilities providing specialist support. Generic workers may not be able to offer the targeted support that the council currently offers. It is vital that main centres are suitable for purpose and allow full access taking in to account the holistic needs of all children and families.

I just ask that these proposed changes be fully considered for implications to those relying on the services day to day, ultimately as their key method of support.

Any money saved by these changes will only mean families accessing services at a later date. Stop cutting services.

As a retired Health Visitor Team Leader who worked for 22 years in Southport, 8 of those years based at Linaker Childrens Centre, managing a team of nearly 30 Health Visiting staff and having a very busy caseload for all 22 years, I wish to comment that I believe your proposal appears to focus solely on families where there are already safeguarding concerns. I am not against joined-up services for families in the least. However, I wish to point out that ALL families deserve the best and I would hold Linaker CC and it's satellite bases up as an absolute Centre of Excellence. What about their role in PREVENTION?? How many families would be in difficulties if they did not have their CC and it's staff to turn to, knowing that they can always speak to someone and support is there for them no matter what their situation. It is unfortunate but sadly all too true that Talbot St holds a stigma for many, many people in Southport. Linaker CC does NOT. It is an absolutely wonderful place for ALL families to attend and the staff are the most dedicated, professional, able and empathic people that I have ever worked with. Southport is so lucky to have such a great facility and it would be an extremely sad situation if generic services are cut or lost altogether. Although I now live in Cumbria, I am more than willing to give further support to Linaker's case if need be.

Please keep the children centres. I have accessed them for all three children. And they saved my life. I suffered PND with my second and if it wasn't for the support of these places. I don't know where I would be today. All the courses and groups I attended kept me going. As did the friendly staff. This time round I went to groups and met so many friends. And I believe this is why my mental health hasn't suffered this time. I never felt isolated.

I recently moved back to Southport having lived in Northumberland. My reason for moving home was largely due to the lack of services and support for new parents in the area. I suffered post natal depression which was not picked up by the health visitors or midwives because they were so under staffed. In addition, the lack of children's centre facilities meant that none of the staff there picked up my illness. If the services are lost, reduced, or moved so far away from people that they can not easily attend, I fear this will happen to others, or myself again with my next pregnancy. These services are vital and are what ultimately pulled me out of my depression.

Its important that any transitions at handled well and that families with young children are involved and listened to.

The advertised information and frequency of classes was quite poor. I only heard about things from a friend.

I feel Talbot street as the main centre is very out of my way. I'd have to pay for parking, whereas having farnborough close by means I can walk and prevents me having to use my car.

PLEASE RECONSIDER! I do understand that you are constantly needing to make cuts, but you reduce services to vulnerable families at your peril.

Accessible centres for parents are essential to reduce social inequalities and prevent well being decline in young families. Reducing the number of services will hinder the achievement of children's centres ethos as aforementioned and result in increased demand on health care for both children and parents who may struggle to cope when support is not available.

My child is only 6 and to think of her in a centre where children and young adults are all mixed together in an environment she is not used to, is very distressing. The centre attached to her school is a safe and welcoming environment, like an extension of our family. Removing it will cause more emotional, financial and educational problems than the ones you are trying to solve.

Please stop your cost cutting exercise. These existing centres exist at the moment because there is a demand for them as they are. They need more investment and money rather than focusing on centralising everything with the primary aim of simply saving money. Invest in your existing community services and see them thrive!

As as parent, I will not be accessing the facilities if it moves to a larger hub.

Talbot street is not a safe place and I would not use it.

Netherton children's centre has been amazing with me and my little boy. He's 14 months old now and we have been going to the centre since he was 8 weeks old at least 2 times a week. We walk there and the groups are fab and have great times. The staff are all amazing and have helped in the development of my son and also in the mental and emotional state of myself, I am not from around here so didn't know anyone but have met a lot of people through the centre

It is extremely hard to comment on a proposal when it is VERY unclear what your proposal is. Apart from naming main centres and complementary centres I have found no information about what is going to be offered at each place. It is therefore very hard to give a clear opinion on this matter. I have answered this survey to state that I wish the services offered by Freshfield Children's centre to remain the same as it has been a great places to meet other mums as well as receive support on issues to do with my children's development.

I think there needs to be better communication about the services offered through the centre's. Why people would engage with them, what kind of support can be offered and how the centre's can support families.

Your people and their location are key to the services you supply; changing either comes with significant risk.

Children's centres are vital services to each individual community. Many people will be put off accessing services if they have to travel to get there. Many children's centres are currently located near to schools were families can drop off their children at schools and then attend a session at a nearby centre with their younger children. What may seem a non essential service such as a stay and play group could be a life line to a new parent/lonely mother needing advice and support and lead on to accessing other more important services such as mental health services.

I would much rather prefer to attend the children's centres that are already up and running and continue to socialise and interact with the current group of people that I do now compared to re-locating to a new centre.

DO NOT MOVE THE CENTRE! LEAVE IT WHERE IT IS. SIMPLE.

Please rethink this proposal. It's a huge mistake for so many families and children who need this centre.

Springwell park children's centre provides childcare for hundreds of families in this area, I would struggle to work full time as a teacher if it wasn't for the fantastic after school club they run.

We're all wondering just who exactly are 'the community' that want this to happen?! Nobody I know was 'surveyed' about this! So who??

I need more information on these proposals to understand how they would work, at the moment I do not understand how you could change the current model into what is proposed. Also I clicked on this survey to say I was a member of staff at a Family Centre with no children and the survey has asked me a lot of irrelevant questions about my use of the centres and my children (which I do not have). There needs to be a more specific survey for staff to have their say on.

No provision in north Southport Talbot Street is difficult to access - its not on a main bus route and has restricted parking.

Keep the centres as they are. they work and serve families well. if this changes the support families are offered change and this does not help anyone. families need local services. if they are not local and can't access them, families in need slip through the net and the problems you are trying help escalate!! Don't fix something that is not broken!

Please keep all our children's centres and their services open. Do not close the local centres. Do not make changes based on financial gain, please see that these centres mean so much to those that access them. Freshfield children's centre for example has been nothing short of amazing, for myself and to other people I know who use their services.

If you are going to consult, the decision should not have already been made. Therefore I suggest this consultation is not legal.

As above, too ambitious, possibly not enough venues to do all that? Principles are fine but it doesn't translate to anything meaningful to me yet. what services exactly are you referring to? What services will be cut.? How do I find ou/access them? Are there charges? Is there anything new? How will it help people living in poverty, accessing food banks, poor housing, mental health, meet needs of parents, childcare for working parents, people struggling with the disaster that is universal credit?

These centres work best to support everyone when they are run locally. Main bases will only work for the very vulnerable families with multiple issues. But everyone else needs support too, and a tiny 'complementary base' is not adequate support for those who may be off the radar and just need some social and peer support in a less formalised setting.

Although I agree with the proposals as I work in a similar position as a XXXX Manager in XXXXX so deliver a similar service that you are proposing. However I would like to stress the importance of keeping similar activities for toddlers available as my daughter attends Top Tots, Childminder Meetings and Rhyme Time which she thoroughly enjoys. I understand that the proposals will potentially be setting up an early help team for families possibly creating new posts which then puts constraints on finances and budgets for other activities in which

she and many other children including childminders will miss out on in the future if not taken into account.

Kings Meadow is a great locality. Have you ever considered Shoreside school there is so much space there

I completely object to this proposal. The level of care already provided by both family centres and children centres is at critical level, why is this on the chopping block when cuts are being made from the budget. These services are far too important to be streamlined or amended! They should be left alone and given the ability to provide the care they are currently doing!

This proposal is not good.... most if the people who use the childrens centers have little or no money... how are local people supposed to acces this premises??? What will haplen to all the wonderful classes and support that the current facilities offer? What about the staff? We know them, trust them and really appreciate their help and support when things get tough.

I think there would have to be a major refurbishment of Talbot street for it to become the main hub and I also think that there is maybe a stigma attached to it being a 'social services ' building and some people won't attend. I think that family support workers and the family development workers all do a fantastic job but there is a distinction between early help and helping families that are already in crisis and I am not sure how the new proposals will work in respect of this.

Please see previous comments.

These proposals as they are must not happen. Existing bases should be kept

I think it's a way of slowly withdrawing support and services to families. I think it will end in the closure of the so called complimentary bases. I think it excludes the poorest, most vulnerable and most needy families. I think it's going to see rates of PND rise, breastfeeding drop and the money saved on the front line have to be redistributed later through the NHS in interventions with mental health and wellbeing.

The information, including this survey, needs to be presented in a more accessible way. This is too wordy, I doubt many of the people using the services you are talking about would be bothered to answer these questions.

Accessibility and affordability for families is crucial. Tory austerity is forcing Sefton council to make some very tough decisions but that is also the case for ordinary families. Those who are most vulnerable often have the fewest options so to reduce the support available to them would be devastating.

As the nearest centre would only be a complementary centre I assume it would not provide many of the services it currently does therefore I probably wouldn't access the service. This would impact my child who is currently under diagnosis for a disability/disorder. No consideration of families and children has gone into this proposal at all only the council trying

to save money. The services provided at the Atkinson and Canning road Chapel are good outreach services for those who cannot attend Linaker children's centre. The services provided by Linaker are excellent, I think it should be kept as a main centre and not "complementary"

We used to use library services in Birkdale, but now that it has moved to Southport it is difficult to access these (to take books out and return them is a chore rather than a pleasure). Will the children centres follow the same fate?

Concerned that we will lose vital services that vulnerable people rely on.

I think that this proposal is good as long as you ensure that the services are on offer that are needed particularly child and adult mental health which lacks services for families in acute stress. This proposal would not work if you cut staff as there are already waiting lists for services so how can you offer timely support to families if not enough staff

I worry that support will go. I am already very careful about what support I access and where from and from whom. I would not have ever spoken about my mental health to anyone not even my GP because I didn't want judgement but XXXX supported me to access support and even to go to my GP if things get bad.

Think that the children's centres are a key support in the local community. Feel that the council should support and encourage the use of them-and them being kept open for all local users. I use, or have used children's centres for the last few years - and think they are so important for families.

I am sure my previous comments speak for itself when talking about a particular children centre. But I know from working within Education for many years a whole family, and collective, answerable approach is needed by staff to ensure that the family and more importantly children's needs are met. Children centres are not meeting this requirement and the funds that they are talking away from the wider educational needs would be better suited to be redirected into schools.

Children are the future of all communities, cutting services provided to children will have a large impact on the future of the area

Is this just to save money? If this is the reason then in order to save money something will be lost and I think this will be quality of service especially if it means the staff losing their jobs.

The proposal is not clear for parents or staff to comment on. It's asking whether we agree to three hubs and 'potential' bases which may or may not happen. It does not explain what this may potentially mean. Therefore parents are agreeing to the principles which are sound (and exist already) and agreeing to a proposal not realising that this may mean closure of the very thing they care about. Therefore parents and employees cannot give an accurate

opinion as there is no actual impact information given. What will it mean to have three hubs? Some bases? No Bases?

See my previous comments

I think I will lose my children's centre

Don't change.

This proposal has a some positives, although the information shared is limited so it is difficult to gain a full picture of what this service is going to look like. I work for Young Minds (UK leading child mental health charity) and have been working closely with schools and childrens centres to support families who have children with mental health difficulties. This area, especially children with neurological disorders such as ADHD and Autism and their families need support. There seems to be a massive gap in services for these families in Sefton. I would like to know what support they will be receiving under this new structure. The parent/carer peer support groups are growing and I hope they can still be supported under this new model. I feel very strongly about early intervention and building bonds of attachment in families, this does not just mean the early stages of a babies life but as a continuous growth up to adolescent years, so your proposal for up to the age of 19 is positive, however evidence base does show that the adolescent brain is up to the age of 25 yrs. Parents do not continually need to be told how to parent, so maybe review the parent classes. More therapeutic strategies, sensory classes, relaxation for parents and children. If you are building a new service really think about who you are reaching out to and how creative you can be in this. Use the Arts such as the Atkinson Centre to build on existing services. Please feel free to contact me on XXXXXXXXXX I am happy to support.

Seaforth would be totally lost without our Children's Centre. It is a hub of information for the local area. We have no Library, Health Centre or Leisure facilities. This would be a severe blow to all the vulnerable families in the area who look to the centre for help and assistance.

As I have already stated. These roles should be filled by qualified social workers. We the council tax payers were never consulted when these centres were set up. The cost was just added onto our council tax bills. More resources should be spent helping the disabled and rough sleepers instead.

I will be very saddened to see the closure or reduction in services of many children's centres. As a 1st time mum who is new to Sefton I had no idea what I would do once baby was born, where I could find any children's groups or other mum's to talk to or discuss problems with. I only discovered that children's centre's existed by default when my midwife was going on holiday and asked me could I attend a drop in clinic at the children's centre. It was only through this visit that I discovered what was available to me and my forth coming baby. Since my baby has been born, he is 7 and 1/2 months old now, we have regularly attended Netherpton Children's Centre play groups and many other activities including baby massage, chatter matters, Jo Jingles, Jakes sensory world, baby 1st aid and we have had a home

safety assessment. I don't think that Children's Centres are publicised enough and like I said, I never knew they existed until my midwife asked me to attend a drop in at about 34 weeks pregnant. I think that midwives and health visitors should promote the children's centres. Without the children's centre I would have gone mad at home. Attending groups has kept me sane, gave me adults to talk to, people to seek advice from and I have made many friends whom I now see socially. Social activity would never have been possible without the new mummy friends I have made as, as an older mum I do not have friends with baby's or friends that want to do baby activities or talk baby talk. Without the children's centre life would have become very lonely. The fact that activities are free or cost a nominal fee is a bonus as many mum's, including myself, would not be able to afford to pay for so many activities as we are on reduced maternity pay or even no pay towards the end of maternity leave, depending on how much maternity leave is taken. I can understand how many mum's suffer from post natal depression when they are stuck at home all day and may not have family support. I strongly believe that getting out to the children's centre and doing activities and meeting other people could reduce this effect. I also feel that my baby has benefitted massively from these activities. He is very sociable and doesn't mind being with other children and other adults and is blossoming into a very contented child. I am concerned that when I return to work and he is with his child minder that he will forget the social skills that he is developing. The children's centre has been a life line to me and I really hope for all parents that services are not reduced too drastically. I will return to work soon but I would like to fight to keep the children's centres for the great benefit of other parents. I do strongly believe though that they should be publicised a lot more. I did not even know during pregnancy where or how to access ante natal classes. I now know that the children's centre would have helped me with that and that there are classes locally. I ended up at classes at The Women's Hospital, about 12 miles from home. If only my midwife would have mentioned those 2 words to me - children's centre, I would have felt a lot more supported than I did.

Don't take these centres away. It's a lifeline for some. The most vulnerable Families access and are entitled to ALOT. They get two year old offer in nurseries, free courses, help with money etc. Which, yes I agree with but Please think of those, who have worked full time for 10 years, payed their taxes, use the centres and have to go back to work full time to provide for their family. Let some 'non vulnerable' families access these courses and enjoy them whilst they can.

Stop trying to save money/ claw back funds and put money into children's services. The services should be increasing not decreasing. Shaping humans from an early age is how you change their future and ensure they can become a useful productive member of society.

By closing Linaker children's centre you will be taking away an accessible service for many. I believe that this will result in a reduced support system for families potentially causing catastrophic consequences for not only the safety of many children but for the social, emotional and academic wellbeing and development of many children and their families.

Leave our centres alone keep them open

As a non driver I find locations a huge issue.

The Freshfields Children Centre was a value tool in settling into a new area as a new family. (We moved to Formby last year when our first child was 6 weeks old). It helped us meet local people (many first time parents too) who shared their knowledge of the local area which was a great help. The centre made us welcome and provided support knowing that such a place was within our community. The workshops and drop in sessions were extremely useful and we have also enjoyed the stay and play groups.

Both of my children have benefitted greatly from services and activities and playgroups provided at First Steps. I feel if these centres are downgraded there will be a lot of children in that local area who miss out.

As a Childminder, the services are important for socialising children and getting them used to larger groups and for Childminder's to get support advice and guidance. Childminder's children seem to miss out on the new proposal. Their parents are working. The children benefit from the increased interact which helps them become school ready. The physical activities baby ballet are important in their social and physical well being and allow an activity which their parents would not otherwise afford.

The questions here relate to last twelve months - my daughter is now 2.5. In her first 12 - 18 months we attended many activities at the children's centre. We were lucky enough that she could attend the creche at Waterloo before this service was withdrawn - at the time I was in poor mental health and this was a great respite. I worry that these proposals are cutting services even more and for people like myself, who fall into a 'middle ground' of not needing intervention/support from Children's Services but who are also struggling daily are going to find it increasingly difficult to attend things that help. Please don't presume that everyone who needs help will be known to services or be able to ask for it - often just being able to turn up at a relaxed group and be around other people is really valuable.

As a parent of a child with additional needs I feel that Linaker Childrens Centre is an ideal venue for supporting children. It is a bright and welcoming centre which is centred around meeting the needs of young children. Ease of access is an important consideration when accessing services and I do not feel that there are any limits to accessing Linaker childrens centre, including the facility to park. Other venues I do not feel offer this ease of access and the parking facilities would stop me from wishing to access those venues.

The current provision from the children's centre means that parents can easily access services. Vulnerable families often find it difficult to access services and therefore any barriers to access need to be reduced.

these centres are vital for the wellbeing of the local communities and although my children are grown up as a grandparent who helps with childcare I realise for parents of young children these centres are a godsend and should continue to provide the excellent service for years to come they are not a luxury they are a necessity

I have found my local children's centre a constant reassurance. As a new mum, it's been invaluable for my own mental and emotional wellbeing to access Informal support. I used the centres throughout my pregnancy and immediately after my sons birth. He's almost 10 months old and we've been to something (stay and play, baby yoga, baby massage, baby sensory, first aid, home safety etc) every single week. We have enjoyed everything we have attended and I would hate to think other parents/carers wouldn't have access to the same facilities in the future.

Have a Facebook page for it. It would be a better way of getting different views.

Please spend a day in a centre, come and see the vulnerable families that are supported there. Please reconsider....

If this is purely a cost saving measure then I would suggest the council look at other areas of their spending such as the utter waste of hundreds of thousands of pounds pointlessly and unnecessarily changing the speed limit signs. If this however is a genuine attempt at making the services offered better, then I would support it

As a grandparent and carer for my two grandchildren twice a week I have found the activities supplied by The First Steps Centre have been invaluable for both myself and my grandchildren. The fact that neither of them attended full time daycare has meant that their social interaction with other children and adults has been limited and I feel that their time spent at Kings Meadow and Farnborough Road has been an amazing benefit to them (and me!!). We have had some very happy and memorable activities offered in the school holidays, all of which have enabled them to make friends, learn to share and to behave themselves!! My grandson recently started full time education at Larkfield School and has been awarded Star Pupil of the Week twice and a "Mathmagician" and I am sure First Steps and their dedicated members of staff can take some of the credit for this!

Seems like a cost cutting procedure to reduce services .

services such as these need to be community based and not attached to other services as this assumes all targeted children use typical services eg education delivered through school as we know there is a growing cohort of children with additional needs who do not access such services. Therefore if services are only offered through typical places of attendance those at most risk or exclusion are not able to access help. I therefore feel community based services are most appropriate

Services for babies and toddlers should not be amalgamated with services for youths up to 19 years old. Each have different needs and safety requirements.

Use Linaker Centre as the main family Wellbeing centre as it is newer and better set up with good security and parking available. This will avoid spending large amounts of money on upgrading Talbot Centre to make it suitable for the proposed use and saves me, the tax payer, money.

Services should not be reduced.

Although I understand that centralisation of services can be cost-effective, the importance of maintaining services where they are accessible to all (not just those considered at greatest need) should not be neglected.

Leave it as it is! I couldn't have coped without the services provided very locally when my child was a newborn, I have no transport and Springwell was near to me, it encouraged me to join in and socialise, very important when you're a new mum! I certainly wouldn't have travelled to Netherton, and so would have lost out on all the great services I accessed.

I NEED these services!!! You should be increasing the classes, not reducing them! I suffer with depression and anxiety, if I didn't have these services available, I wouldn't leave the house and my daughter wouldn't be getting the stimulation that she needs to thrive! There are already a shortage in spaces available! I can't get on to most of the classes as is!

Cambridge CC is a real life line - the staff are so professional, sensitive and caring. Out of the many children's centres I have tried this centre is the outstanding one. I would like to see the main centre at Cambridge.

Please keep Cambridge Road and increase services

I really hope that Cambridge children's centre does not lose their ability to have free courses and other fantastic things as the parents in Bootle need these the most please do not take that away from us x

We have lost too many of our community assets in the most deprived ward in Sefton, Cambridge children's centre is a focal point in our community and is valued already throughout generations, it reaches out to the most vulnerable unreachable people with many successful outcomes, everything that can possibly be done to support families, target isolation, breaking down barriers for minority groups this should be developed upon not taken away !!!!

When you have 3 children one with ADHD and one with ASD it will be hard to get to a children's centre that is a 45 minute walk, we use the centre a lot and they don't take to change to well so I would go anywhere else

Access is critical for mums who do not have a car.

Please do not close Springwell Park. Myself and child attend all their classes and we have both learnt a lot through the amazing centre staff. Everyone is so supportive and without them I'm not sure myself or the other mums who attend would do as great in their motherhood journey. There are a lot of vulnerable families in the area and families without transport who rely on the services of Springwell

DON'T CLOSE SPEINGWELL PARK!!! SIMPLE AS!! LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL TOOK MY JOB AWAY FROM ME AND NOW SEFTON COUNCIL ARE TAKING AWAY MY BABY'S PLAYGROUP. AND YET YOU WILL STILL WANT ME TO PAY THE COUNCIL TAX. WHAT FOR????

please save our children's centres, me and my two children will have been completely lost without them xx

My children are older now but I feel the whole point of the children's centres was to help my children get ready for their school journey. I feel for the children you are taking these opportunity away from

I'd be lost without the Thorton children's centre and there staff and supports.

Whilst I agree and understand the proposals I worry that the services currently offered by the children's centres would change. I have no issues emotionally or mentally, I have no safeguarding issues and need no intervention or support, however I have relied on the children's centres with both of my 2 children for classes such as baby massage and yoga, sensory and stay and play. I have met other mum's there who I am still friends with now almost 4 years later. The chance to go to these classes can really help a new mum and I know I always looked forward to it and I still do now with my 2nd child. I would hope these types of class would still be available if the new proposals are put in to place.

Please remember to be inclusive to all families. Those who can work and have full/part time jobs ate already disadvantaged when it comes to having children in regards to childcare and costs. Personally my household earns above the average for Liverpool/Sefton families and under new proposals I would not be able to access the centre if I was to become pregnant again. Netherton Children's Centre has helped and supported me and my 7 month old baby by holding classes stay and play, baby massage, chattermatters etc. As a first time mum and new to the area the centre has helped me support my child's development and make friends too. I would of been lost without this centre and I feel every family should be able to access these groups in future. Parent run classes could be a great initiative in centres to promote social interaction from 0 years. I feel if we could get parents CRB checked and then support and encourage them to run the group's. I would be more than happy to run one via the centre on my day off when I return back to work. Donations of toys from families could help support but in terms of cost savings it means a colleague can be free to support elsewhere rather than do the stay and plays. Please please consider all families as we know children learn and develop in a socially stimulating environment as soon as they are born.

I urge you to protect the Linaker Centre. I am a better parent because of the support, information, advice, connections and activities I have got from Linaker. And hundreds of parents are in the same boat. The centre is a vital, cherished hub, helping families through the many challenges of early parenthood. There is so much propensity for mistakes if people do not get help. Think a few years down the line. Do you want to hear on the news of a tragic

case because the mum wasn't able to access support because the council had closed the local children's centre? If just one incident of this kind is prevented because of a place like Linaker, think of all the money saved - let alone the human cost. Please listen to your consciences and reject these ill-advised, hugely deleterious proposals.

Silly idea from silly people, justifying their current salaries by thinking of nonsensical ways of cost cutting. How about we cut out the middle managers that talk this nonsense, and instead invest more in the front line members of staff that actually make a difference to the local community and its members? Sefton also need to think of the postcode lottery it will create, therefore restricting local access for thousands of people. Also a thought needs to be spared of other services currently running in the potential new centres, ie next steps community nursery.

I have a 2 1/2 year old and I found a really limited number of classes, both free and paid, available to us whilst I was on maternity leave in comparison to what is available within the Liverpool authority area.

Health visitor should provide health relatedness service links & knowledge of public health agenda

Safeguarding skills need to be nurtured.

Don't take away our children centres.

I think maghull is viewed as a rich and wealthy area but it is no different to anywhere else and as such the loss of the children's centre would put some children at risk of missing out and parents would loose the support some of them have come to rely on.

Don't close linaker children's centre as I have used this centre for the last 10 years and they have been really helpful and kind and understanding and with my new born they have been there for me making weighing my baby calm and comfortable

Hudson needs to provide a more varied timetable suitable for Children upto 5, there seems to be little available for over 2's and although worthwhile a lot aimed at twins and less abled children. It's hard now my little one is waiting to go to reception as there is next to. Itching on compared to other children's centres

Learn to sign with your baby class. Keep linekar parent and child services going, even for a small weekly fee for parents. Dont close it, its vital to help support new mums to prevent loneliness and low mood leading to depression.

We attend First steps daily and I would be devastated to see it go. I've met lots of people who use the Center and we all live locally and walk to the classes. The loss of this Center would be detrimental to the babies who are all thriving from the support the Center offers

What doesn't Linaker do that you want it to do - seems daft to rearrange something when you could just see if they can do it

In an ideal world leave the children centres alone. Otherwise at least consider the areas you are going to be depriving of services which will essentially affect mothers. These mothers may not be stereotypically vulnerable but I assure you they are and they need good local support for everything ranging from breastfeeding, contact with other mums, baby groups, and support with mental health. If Hudson no longer provides these services in Maghull I would Not be able to access services provided by the other centres as the distance would be too great for me to travel.

I hope Springwell Childrens Centre is kept open, the staff are amazing and always make you and your child feel very welcome. Its an amazing centre with lots of support, and advice etc. If this lovely childrens centre was to go i among a lot of other parents and children would find it very hard to get to another one, and would be so disapointed to see it go.

A health visitor who was based at my work and has now been moved out, said to me over a year ago that this had happened where she originally came from. She was still based at the Centre at the time, she said that they were reversing the decision and restarted Children's centres with Health Visitors. The connection between the Health Visitor, the nursery, the family development workers, the activities for parents to attend, all interlinked with the children at early ages. Any problems picked up in the nursery or with the Health visitor families were able to be accessed through the professionals offering them the help of each other. To put everything under one roof, health visitors don't see older children, specialist midwives help in the pregnancies and early childhood, the professionals who use the centre are geared to younger children. You would not expect the Headteacher of Senior School to apply for a Primary Headteacher position, then why would the specialists for "children" centres have to expand to "teenagers". The thing is teenagers access our services for young parents to be, and counselling with specialist services, and sometimes contact. For me not to be able to say to someone outside of work, as I did recently, we have a solicitor you can visit, and there is a family development who can ring you, that person attended a solicitors appointment and FDW spoke to them. I would feel a failure. With amount of visitors we have, with the families bringing their children in and out of the nursery, no one knows why someone walks through the door, no one ever knows unless they tell them when they walk out the door why they have been there. It is a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere that if lost will take time to recreate. Its taken ten years to build a good reputation. We know ourselves how long it takes to build someone's confidence back up, that's what will happen to families in the area, you will have taken something away and replaced it with something that needs to build up a reputation, it has taken over ten years with us, what will happen with those children and families who dont have easy and visible access to Linaker any more, I wonder if they will seek help. Poor or rich, children can suffer if the parent is suffering with parenthood. It will be a sad day for many in Southport if Linaker

reduces its services and has only one door for families to visit. We had a one stop place in High Park, it never worked, it was short lived, so we have done it.

I have used linaker chrome centre for years in the past and I personally think it would be a great loss to lose this place. As well as child care I think the facilities there and the help they give less fortunate families is brilliant and would be a great loss. I attended the centre also for my parent classes and child first aid courses. I have always felt at home at the centre and really welcome by all the staff. Please do not change a thing, they do a fantastic job.

I am concerned that the proposals may impact on the services currently available at Freshfields Children Centre. I have used the Freshfields Children's centre since my child was born and have found it to be a great source of support. It would be a shame to lose any of the services it has to offer. I would be unlikely to attend a centre further away. It would be disappointing for other young families to lose out on this support.

My daughter is now 7. We used Childrens Centres extensively before she started school - mainly Waterloo but also Seaforth (we are in the middle). We received free safety equipment, eg stair gates, from Seaforth Children's Centre which was great. I loved the Children's Centres and got lots of support from them. Baby massage and yoga were particularly good. I am not aware of Family Centres or the work they do so it makes sense to join them up with Children's Centres for ease of access and continuity for families.

Please make your proposals clearer so that people can understand what is being proposed and what it will mean specifically for each centre and the services they offer. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff at my local centre have enabled me to feel supported in the first months with my baby. It is fantastic having so many services under one roof and knowing that there is always someone there if you need them.

I have accessed the Litherland family center since my son was born in 2015, I have attended the Monday and Friday sessions at St Paul's church on a regular basis since I was made redundant in June of this year. This service is a life line for myself and all families that use it. It has had a positive impact on my mental health and I would miss the service if it was terminated. I have enjoyed meeting new people and not feeling as isolated as I did before I used the service. I truly believe that it brings people together, it like having talking therapy and that is invaluable! My son really enjoys the group and I do believe that it has helped his confidence to grow. Through attending the activities, my sons language skills, emotions and creativity, social and intellectual skills have flourished as he practices new ideas and skills. I can see him take risks, show imagination and solve problems on his own and with others.

more help and support for children and families with a child with Autism

I am very happy with the services accessed at Waterloo , Thornton and seaforth children's centres. They have been invaluable in making me feel less isolated as a new mother.

I am an early years teacher in the local area and signpost parents to Linaker street for support. I know what is on offer and work closely with them. I would prefer Linaker street to continue provide the diverse and amazing services they do. I feel this will continue to insure the best outcomes for our families.

The Children's Centres have been great for us and our children. The staff have been great and always welcoming even though we probably do not fit the bracket of those intended for the service

I think that it is a good idea to put all the services together for families with children 0-19 years.

I think more centres are needed not fewer. We should be encouraging families to walk and cycle as much as possible and having more centres available will facilitate this.

I am sorry but I don't think much of this questioner. You only ask about services used in the last 12 months, when I have used them over many years as my three boys have grown. You have already decided that Hudson would be a complementary base and I have two problems with this. Firstly you ask if I would use the complementary base at Hudson but do not adequately explain what a complementary base will be? Second is that you have left out the consultation process deciding which will be Family Wellbeing Center or Complimentary base. You have not taken into account your own building proposals for probably the largest development area in Sefton I feel it is very much a case of giving Maghull more houses and more people then taking away more of our services. If the school loses the connection with newborn children and their families the pupil intake could fall having disastrous consequences for the school itself. Hudson School and Children's Center work hand in hand, to you its figures and facts on a piece of paper but to me, it's a family and you don't break up peoples families.

By carrying out this proposal I do think you are going to isolate the vulnerable and low income families when they need it most especially after just having a baby by limiting the places they can access for services and support. They may not have cars or money for public transport.

From the information supplied above I feel that I am in no position to comment on the proposal as it does not state what it would mean to become a 'complementary base' however it 'suggests' the main centre would be at Netherton where my ex-partner resides who has been domestically violent to me and resulted in my mental health issues. Despite this, to suggest that there will be a 'main base' somewhere other than Hudson which the current main base suggests at least a reduction in centre activity and service, therefore it is not something I feel that I (or any other parent) can comment on in relation to the proposal without knowing what this means. I think you have asked an unanswerable question.

It will be great, if everything stays the same. I understand the cuts happening and the improvement you want to introduce but it will make things harder for many families Thanks

I firmly believe that Talbot street is a great central base. Linaker is too close to talbot street and seems pointless. Yes people would complain but Talbot street is a ten minute walk away from Linaker. I also feel that this would save money and enable more funds to be distributed fairly

The Hudson centre in maghull is a well used and needed resource in a community with many young families. If this centre was to close many of the young families within this community would find themselves very cut off and isolated. I understand should we want to continue to use these resources we would have to get to netherton which for many defeats the purpose of having a local community group. This site has proved invaluable for me following the adoption of my two sons and I for one would be devastated if this was closed down.

Hudson/holy rosary children's centre were great when I had my first child. They supported me through a very difficult time and it would be such a shame to lose or limit this service even further. I used to attend everyday with my first child. Within the last 5 years the programme has already significantly reduced so further cuts or asking people to travel further would have a negative impact on the local community and the quality of the provision provided.

Lots of children and family at canning road - not mentioned on this question site

Leave it the way it is or you risk isolating vulnerable people, families and children. Having to travel far and pay to get to childrens centres would certainly put me off using these services.

There definitely needs to be a children's centre in Bootle. Parents need to be able to access them easily with no added cost for transport. I understand the need to save money but cutting children's services isn't fair.

Children's centres and the services they provide are very much needed within communities, what families need are services which are available for all with a targeted focus on the most vulnerable members of our communities. At the centre where I work we support children and families on early help and social care plans and families who would typically be identified as vulnerable to help them get their lives back on track. While the targeted and early help numbers are a relatively small percentage of the total number of families within Sefton, children's centres also support hundreds of families each week who are on the cusp of vulnerability. At the centre where I work we are experiencing a significant increase in the number of referrals for families who do not immediately identify as vulnerable including parents who present fairly well yet have poor mental health, low mood, depression and anxiety which impacts significantly on the mental health and well-being of the child. Many of our local parents are struggling day to day with their mental health which is exacerbated if they are also in abusive/poor relationships as this impacts negatively on their ability to adequately care for their children and provide the affection, attention and discipline children need to feel secure, added to this are financial pressures families are experiencing, whether

this is due to raising families on benefits, the impact of universal credit or years of just getting by as employed in low income jobs. These issues contribute to the day to day struggles of being a parent and prevents many parents from doing a "good enough" job of parenting. Poor mental health impacts on parents ability to set routines and boundaries therefore many young people are lacking in respect for themselves and others and display rude, aggressive and unkind behaviours towards their peers. At the children's centre we work with the whole family to address the root causes of issues and support families for however long it takes to get them back on track. This support is needed in all of our communities not simply in 3 main hub areas, families need support daily and not between reduced opening times in a base that provides limited services and limited support and many families simply cannot travel across their 'locality' to access support from bases outside of acceptable pram pushing distance. Sefton should be spending more money on impoverished communities not less otherwise these issues will never be resolved and will continue to escalate year on year until communities implode and hundreds of 'just coping' families need intense support from a system that will be completely broken and unable to meet demand.

my wellbeing and my childrens wellbeing, education and family support are met locally.

Being a single parent to a child who is diagnosed ADHD with anxiety is a challenge. Since diagnosis 4 years ago there has been no help or support available for us. repeated referrals to agencies all say the same thing "out of area" or "no funding" available. This proposal if fully implemented may help families like us who have been left suffering and battling on with no help and no one to turn too..But this will only help if there are services in southport which we can access.

The proposals and changes are inevitable. I have obviously been thinking about the changes and the effects on the community and workforce. I don't know how many staff are involved in the changes but the proposals will see the Children's Centre staff become part of EIP. Does this mean that the EIP wage bill has been inflated with their salaries and more savings from EIP have to be made. I don't know how many staff are in the mix for the savings or whether there will be job losses beyond natural wastage but would it make a difference if people agreed to work a 30 hour week. I don't know how much this would save but it may be worth looking at.

Access needed in southport as large area covered which is currently not close to where I live

I feel, that their should still be stay and play sessions within these new centres as they are vital to preventing isolation, building up relationships, engaging with staff and learning to trust professionals. Most stay and plays has a mixed cohort of families who benefit from life experiences.

I believe linaker children's centre should stay open with full access and services there. Whenever I go to the Children's centre they have always supported me. I had my first baby at 17 and nobody judged me just made me feel normal. They have supported me with that,

then through mental health, domestic violence, financial issues, then pregnancy. I have always been given full support, offers of other services they feel may help. I wouldn't have accessed the food bank without the staff of the centres support. Without Linaker Children's Centre I would truly have been lost the past 5 years. The manager even helped me with debt and understand certain reasons for things happening. My family support worker xxxx has constantly helped me, listened and made my life so much better. That children's centre is one in a million and I truly don't think I would be where I am now if it wasn't for the centre. Talbot Street should be open however I believe Linaker should be the main base as it's easier to access, safer to access and friendlier staff who always make you feel welcome. I wouldn't access as many services if it was at Talbot Street or out of Southport.

If I have not expressed enough the positives about Cambridge Road Centre and its staff that is truly my fault. It should not be a popularity contest after all the level of service at any of Sefton's centres would and I hope be exemplary as should the variety of services be varied and full across the communities. However in reality & in Health, in childcare especially it does come to a certain point down to the people. The team at Cambridge Road are not just workers doing a job they are family and in that ethos build a bigger family constantly when dealing with the community that are blessed with accessing their current services. After all my own experience lead to ensure I (a new mum and new to area) was not ignored or allowed to slip through the cracks, of a not perfect system when I newly moved to Sefton from another County. I acknowledge it never will be perfect. What it is currently is a possibly poorly balanced, managed service across ALL communities in relation to the desired budget. HOWEVER stretching the staff and services in your proposal is flawed, not least in my earlier comments but on a humane level. I worry for the families not using the centre whom may slip through the cracks because the previously trained staff (whom Camb Rd are 2nd to none) are just not their to help guide or spot RED FLAG situations. Or for the existing families that may use the confusion to slip away, for a multitude of reasons, shame, denial, etc. As well as the perfectly healthy families that just need some simple advice, a place to meet, greet & learn. Shared knowledge is how families new & old grow, it is how new studies and practices are built upon &/or expanded upon. Cambridge Road is vital for the L20 area whom are made up primarily of low income families, low educated (stat wise) and all round deprived area. DO NOT take the one shining beacon of a SAFE ZONE away from here.

I have had so much support from the children's center they have been my lifeline in lots of ways. And supported the relationship with my children. Without family support I would have had no food or electric as my benefits had been on hold for 16 weeks

I have emotional needs so need to be safe with friends and my environment

my life has been very difficult financially and because of DV so need the relationship of the local worker Clare

My family have had lots of support from the worker at Farnborough - Clare I wouldn't have a home without the CC support and kept my family together and away from social care

Keep our CC local to me and the families

I work at Linaker CC as administration assistant. At the front desk I see and hear a lot. Not all of it is nice. But the thing that moves me every time is to see a really vulnerable person coming the next time a little bit more confident, making an eye contact, saying hello. You then signpost this person for further support and bit by bit you start seeing a change. Little steps in a short period and if you take a longer frame of time - a massive ones. Without a front desk many stories could have been very different. One day I was on the other side of the desk myself, and although I never classed myself as vulnerable, life can be unpredictable. I was the lucky one, because someone spotted me at the front desk and I got help. Who knows if and where would I be today without wonderful staff of Linaker CC. I am very proud to be one of Linaker now, my personal experience and professional training enables me to gain vulnerable families trust and most important - to see a vast improvement, and that is the most meaningful purpose any community could wish for. As a front line worker; it is not my job I am worried about; it is the community we are going to live in fewer years down the line. Vision 2030 is a vision, we can not loose what is needed now. I realise that we are not going to escape managed decline, but it is horribly wrong to loose all the staff that has been trained and works so well together as a team. We are here for the families and we hope you are too. Listen to them, because we do.

keep my CC

Keep KM CC

this is just about saving money.this would be devastating to many families

freshfield children centre should be kept available

They do a brill job

When my husband went into crisis, XXXX was the only person (and this includes adult social care) who was able to pick my family up and support us. She single handed got him onto a crisis support pathway, she then worked to ensure our debt were frozen whilst he could not work. She got me emotional support throughout the worst possible time in our lives, she sourced and applied for a nursery place for my eldest child, she gave me foodbank voucher and then drove me to help pick them up. My moving my service of the reach of Hudson children's centre you will literally move my service out of MY REACH. Reconsider this. Reconsider the budget, I understand that there are savings to make, I was at the meeting with XXXXX. I understand that cuts will have to be made, but don't cut access, don't cut people who help people. Please reconsider my service, its been our life saver.

Don't close down such vital childrens centres

As highlighted above.

I work part time. So the one near me is perfect for me as I don't work on a Friday and I can get support if I need it

What will happen to Parenting 2000?

The children in local school who don't attend linaker primary school can still use children's centre it would be used a lot more the children who need extra care can gain the help and support they need faster as there waiting to see a consultant the appointments can take a long time to come through and the staff in the children's centre support these families helping to reduce families anxiety I also have 2 teenage daughters who I would love to no if they have a family one day they too can gain support close to home with them not having a local children's Å and E there s not much other support available I hope linaker children's centre is saved for our children that live in the area

I don't agree with your plans to close any of these centres. I for one have found Seaforth Children's Centre a god send since having my child. As a first time parent I was unsure about what I was doing and had lots of questions. Furthermore, I didn't have the disposable funds to get out and about after my son was born. Having Seaforth Children's Centre close by I was able to walk there and address any concerns I had without feeling I was an inadequate parent. In addition, I have attended numerous sessions the centre has organised including first aid, which I wouldn't of been able to do if the centre wasn't there. I appreciate you have budgets to adhere to but the health and well being of both adults and children within each community should be the priority and merging centres together would make the main centres more busy and business like and I for one would not feel comfortable in this environment.

I am strongly against the closure of Springwell Park children centre as it's very important in our local community. I do believe it's the best around as does everyone involved. The staff and volunteers are amazing and the parents and children have great trust in the centre.

Springwell Park has been a place of support after having my first baby. Ive attended many informative classes including baby massage, weaning, children first age, messy play and many many more. Not only have the classes been informative but have benefited my mental wellbeing. Having a place to go and speak to other mums about concerns and monies that every new mum has. Springwell has been a place for me to escape my home to visit that broke up my day and sometimes my week. Something I look forward to. Springwell has benefited me, my baby and family. The staff are welcoming friendly and supportive. I think if the centre was to change it would have a major impact on the local community and a massive loss to families. Very sad.

I just strongly advise that these new plans maybe good but not beneficial to all. My children go to Springwell Park and I take them everyday and access the centre daily for breakfast club and after school as well as other stuff. I am strongly against the closure of Springwell

Park. It is the heart of the community and definitely the best around. Staff and volunteers are amazing.

I think these proposals are more focussed on mental health and wellbeing so we should have separate centres for these things.

Springwell is a busy base for many Bootle residents and should be kept as a main base. A lot of people in this area don't have transport.

My children centre was a lifeline to me when I had my daughter and now is a year on. I rely on the centre on almost a daily basis and it's a vital part of our community.

**NOTES AND Q&A FROM PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION SESSIONS AVAILABLE AS A
SEPARATE DOCUMENT**

Finally we would like to acknowledge and thank all the people of Sefton who contributed to this report.