



## Six Ways Children's Centre

### Changes to Services

### Community Consultation

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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the proposed changes to services currently delivered by the Six Ways Children's Centre, and the possible impact of these changes for the children, families and the community; which forms part of the Equalities Assessment for this process.

## What are Children's Centres?

Children's Centres deliver a range of services that include group activities for children under the age of 5 and their parents/carers. These services focus on learning, health, wellbeing and community engagement, and are delivered in Children's Centre buildings, community venues and family homes.

Birmingham's Children's Centre services are delivered by the Local Authority as well as a number of voluntary and community sector organisations. Six Ways Children's Centre is located on the site of Mansfield Green E-ACT Academy (a local primary school). The Academy Sponsor is E-ACT and is the Children's Centre Service Delivery Provider, through a contract on behalf of Birmingham City Council.

## Context of Six Ways Children's Centre

Six Ways Children's Centre was designated 22/08/05 and Full Core Offer designated on the 02/09/06. Since then, the Centre has successfully run a number of services for children under the age of 5 and their families. Six Ways Children's Centre has, in the past, worked very closely with Birmingham Settlement Children's Centre that unfortunately withdrew as a Children's Centre in 2014 and have since then been working with Bloomsbury Children's Centre to deliver services on behalf of Aston and Nechells Locality.

Six Ways Children's Centre has a reach area of 2705 children under the age of 5.

**Location: Six Ways Children's Centre, Albert Road, Aston, Birmingham. B6 5NH**

## Why are we consulting on changes to services?

Due to the increased number of children attending the school, Mansfield Green E-ACT Academy requires the use of the additional rooms that make up the Children's Centre to increase teaching space for their pupils.

The Local Authority received written notice from E-ACT on the 20<sup>th</sup> August of its intention to step down as Service Provider for Six Ways Children's Centre. However, E-ACT indicated that they will work with the Local Authority to ensure the smooth transition.

E-ACT has been working with the Local Authority and Bloomsbury Children's Centre to support this transition, including the planned changes to services.

**Consultation with the children, families and the community  
on these potential changes to services will take place between:**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

## What are the changes being proposed?

All services will continue to be delivered by Birmingham City Council, but from alternative venues within the community that will be accessible to families within the community.

The Council and E- ACT would like to seek feedback from children, families and the community on this change, and on the possible future location of services.

Currently 71% of Children's Centre services at Six Ways are delivered on an outreach basis across the Aston/Nechells area in partnership Bloomsbury Children's Centre, with 29% being delivered in the rooms that make up the Children's Centre.

Due to a rationalisation of the Stay and Play service across the whole of the Aston and Nechells area, it is proposed that this service is delivered at a wider number of outreach venues in partnership with other organisations and we propose to increase this further following this consultation. These sessions will continue to be delivered by the same staff as is now, from Six Way's and Bloomsbury Children's Centres'.

The Community Champions Course will continue to be delivered in the Mansfield Green E-ACT Nursery Community Room, which is adjacent to the Six Ways Children's Centre until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 pending further discussions and consultation

All other services will be relocated to other community venues within the community, such as schools, voluntary organisations and community buildings

## What are the obligations of Birmingham City Council in relation to Children's Centre Services?

The Local Authority has the responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient Children's Centre services for each area across the city (*as outlined in the Sure Start Statutory Guidance for Children's Centres' Section 5A*)

Children's Centre services will continue to be delivered across the Six Ways reach area, managed through Bloomsbury Nursery School and Children's Centre in partnership with Local Authority and in partnership with other Children's Centres' within Aston and Nechells Locality.

## How would the changes affect me?

### **Services currently delivered in the site of Six Ways Children's Centre:**

The following services are currently delivered by the Six Ways Children's Centre:

- Talking Tips
- Parenting Solihull Approach with crèche
- Women's Aid
- Stay and Play
- EDAS appointments
- Weekly: Family Support Drop In (Benefit Advice)
- Daily: Family Support i.e. responding to enquires, translation of letters, food parcels, supporting at times of crisis
- Family Support 1 -1 case work (allocated Family Support Worker)
- Community Champions Course
- Volunteer Training

### **Proposed Changes to Services:**

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- The Community Champions Course will continue to be delivered in the Mansfield Green E-ACT Nursery Community Room, which is adjacent to the Six Ways Children's Centre until 31<sup>st</sup> March pending further discussions and consultation
- 1 -1 Family Support from an allocated Family Support Worker would continue, but day to day enquiries at the Centre would not be possible so alternative options are to be identified as part of this consultation
- All other services will be relocated to other community venues within the community, such as schools, voluntary organisations and community buildings

**See Appendix 1: Map of other Children's Centres in the area and existing / potential outreach venues for Stay and Play and other services**

## Consultation with the Community

It is important that we consult with as many service users as possible who could be affected by the proposal. Both Birmingham City Council and E-ACT would like to invite your comments and feedback on the proposed changes.

We are looking to gather opinions and views from a range of stakeholders including: Parents, carers, centre users, staff, other centres in the area, health, places of worship, partners, professionals, district committee, Children's Centre Committee and commissioned service providers.

We are using a range of consultation approaches and methods to ensure that the full range of stakeholders who may be affected by the proposals are able to contribute.

### Here are the ways you can get involved:

1. Complete a **Consultation Questionnaire** paper copy / electronically, by either returning it to: **Six Ways Children's Centre, Albert Road, Aston, Birmingham. B6 5NH or TeamAroundTheSetting@Birmingham.gov.uk**
2. Hear more about the proposals and share your views at a **Public Consultation Meeting** on the following dates:

Date	Time	Where?
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	12:00 – 13:00	Six Ways Children's Centre
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 – 11.30	Six Ways Children's Centre
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	17:00 – 18:00	Six Ways Children's Centre
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	09:00 – 10:00	Six Ways Children's Centre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00 – 3.00	Six Ways Children's Centre

3. Attend a **Parent User Group** during the consultation period that will be facilitated as part of the Stay and Play sessions that are currently delivered at 6 Ways **every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.00 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6<sup>th</sup> January)**
4. **Face to face** within School / Community e.g. At the School gate, local Supermarket and within outreach venues throughout the consultation period and these responses will be documented as part of this consultation

Translation support will be provided to assist families to complete the questionnaire and to participate in the discussion forums.

## What happens next?

The consultation findings will be analysed by Birmingham City Council, and the outcome will be used to support any decisions made around the delivery of Children's Centre services.

Following final decisions being made by Birmingham City Council, they will then work in collaboration with E- ACT and Bloomsbury Children's Centre to then implement any changes.

It is anticipated that a transition of any potential changes will take place from February – March 2016, which will be outlined in a report and will be fully operational from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Reponses to points raised will be collated in a report which will be circulated and made available publically via Six Ways CC and the council be heard website by the early February.