

Children's Centre Services Consultation

This is a consultation on changes to the way that children's centre services are delivered which will open on 23rd January and run until 20th March 2019. If the proposals are agreed the changes will take place from 1st July 2019.



Children's centre services in Wiltshire are provided by two charities, Spurgeons and The RISE Trust. Children's centres work with families and children to enable them to have a good start in life, offering support and activities which enable them to become strong families and support them through times of stress and difficulty.

In 2016, we changed the way that children's centre services were offered in Wiltshire to focus on people who needed the most help. This approach has been very successful, and we now offer more provision in the community delivering in local venues and in homes. We will continue to expand on this successful service redesign and, as we need to make further service savings in 2019-20, we will invest in staff rather than buildings. We are proposing that we use more community venues such as community halls, libraries, campuses and leisure centres. For example, the libraries in Mere and Pewsey could be used on Wednesday afternoons when they are not open to the public.

We aim to ensure that those who are the most vulnerable receive the most support at the earliest possible time (Early Support). The table below illustrates this. The blue shading shows where we propose to continue using existing buildings, and the green shading shows where we propose to use community buildings.

Information about Wiltshire Children's Centres

Geographical Area	Children's Centre	Number of individuals attending events (run by both children's centre providers and partners)	% of people participating in a course at the centre building in a year: 4/17-3/18	No of under fives (ONS mid-year population estimate)	% 0-4 of population living in nationally most deprived 30% of areas
North	Calne	719	51%	1328	9.3%
	Chippenham Spring Rise	1129	11%	2410	15.0%
	Chippenham The Rise	751	16%		
	Cricklade	285	8%	1933	9.8%
	Royal Wootton Bassett	1212	24%		
East	Devizes	1278	9%	1484	16.6%
	Pewsey	452	0%	637	0.0%
	Tidworth – Windmill Hill	1853	11%	1903	0.0%
South	Bulford (as part of Amesbury)	1050	32%	2570	2.1%
	Mere	300	19%	240	0.0%
	Salisbury - City	1691	0%	2373	15.4%
	Salisbury – Little Folly	1688	25%		
	Tisbury	306	49%	280	0.0%
West	Melksham – Canberra	1561	11%	1734	11.4%
	Trowbridge – Longfield	1288	0%	2883	26.6%
	Trowbridge – Studley Green	949	9%		
	Westbury – White Horse	886	17%	1154	18.3%

Developing a community based approach will enable children's centre services to continue to work in greater collaboration with health visiting and midwifery as well as with colleagues who support housing and employment, this will be a real opportunity to invest in our multi-agency partnerships. Children's centre services will also be placed more firmly alongside the work of pre-schools, nurseries and childminders. Services in the early years will work more closely together to support the family without duplicating support.

Many families choose to access advice online and so the digital offer of children's centre services will be enhanced.

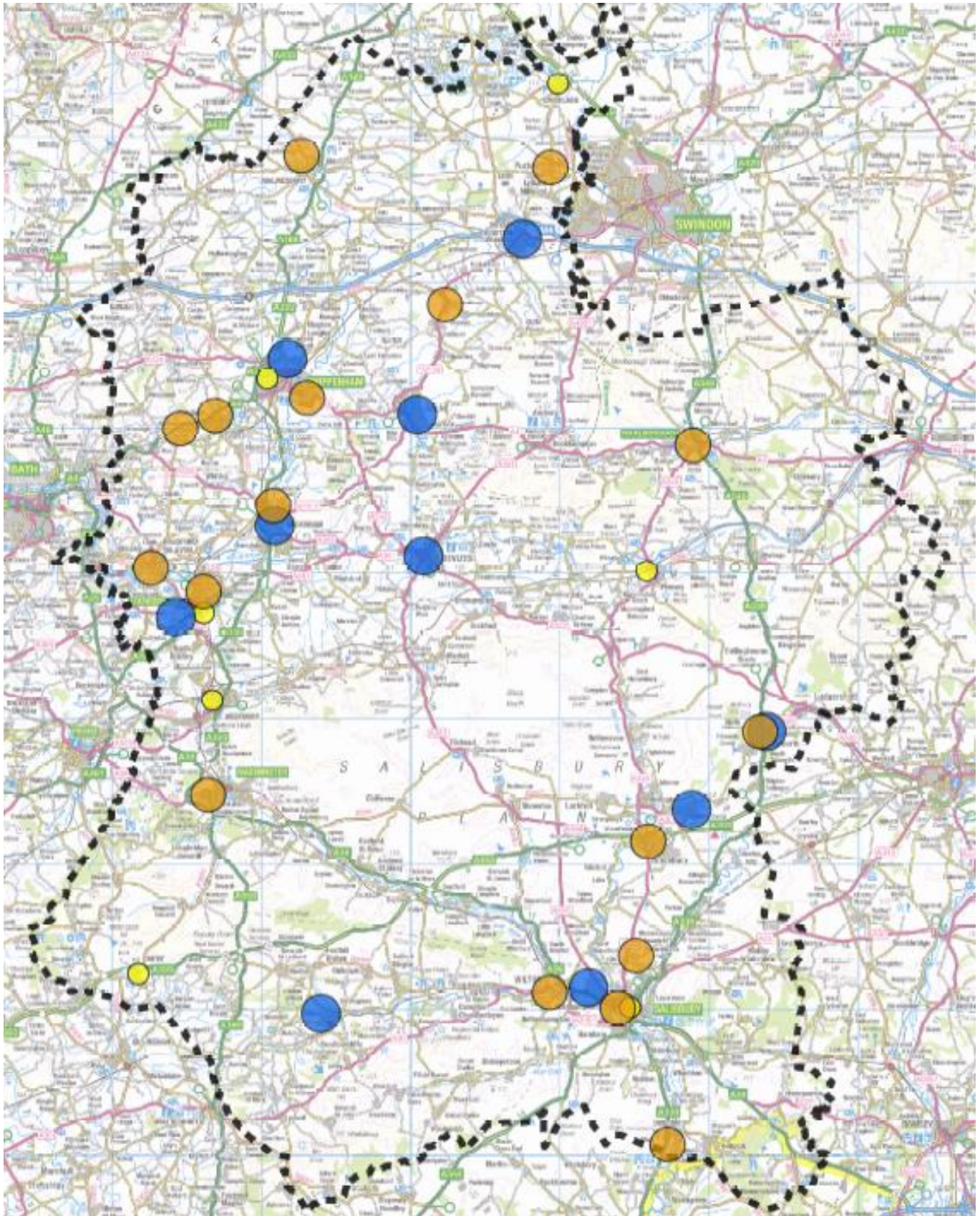
As part of the consultation we are talking to local childcare business/providers, libraries, churches, leisure centres, parish councils and trustees of community halls to firm up options for days and times when Children's centre activities can take place close to people's homes, schools, nurseries and other local facilities. Childcare providers particularly want to use some of the buildings formerly used by children's centres to increase childcare in the area.

Map showing location of children's centre buildings if these proposals are agreed

Blue dot – remaining centre buildings

Yellow dot – proposed local and community buildings

Orange dot – current delivery in community buildings



This table shows the proposed future use of children’s centre buildings

Area	Children’s Centre	Proposed use	Closest Children’s Centre
North	Calne	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Chippenham – Spring Rise	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Chippenham – The Rise	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Cricklade	There are other buildings in the community that are suitable for delivery of children’s centre services. The current building could be used for the expansion of childcare provision.	Royal Wootton Bassett
	Royal Wootton Bassett	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
East	Devizes	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Pewsey	There are other local buildings in the community that are suitable for delivery of children’s centre services. The current building could be used for the expansion of childcare provision.	Devizes
	Tidworth – Windmill Hill	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
South	Bulford	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Mere	There are potentially other local buildings that could be used for activities when needed. We could explore returning the premises to the school or offering to the onsite childcare provision.	Salisbury – Little Folly
	Salisbury - City	There is another children’s centre located in Salisbury. There are other buildings in the community that are suitable for the delivery of children’s centre services. The lease could be surrendered on this building	Salisbury – Little Folly
	Salisbury – Little Folly	Use the existing children’s centre and community venues	Not applicable
	Tisbury	This is only a box room, services will continue to be delivered in the Nadder Campus	Not applicable
West	Melksham – Canberra	Use the existing children’s centre and community venues	Not applicable
	Trowbridge – Longfield	There is another children’s centre located in Trowbridge. There are other buildings in the community that are suitable for the delivery of children’s centre services. The current building could be used for the expansion of childcare provision.	Trowbridge – Studley Green
	Trowbridge – Studley Green	Use the existing children’s centre building and community venues	Not applicable
	Westbury – White Horse	There are other local buildings in the community that are suitable for delivery of children’s centre services. The current building can be used for the expansion of childcare provision.	Trowbridge – Studley Green

We would like your views on how you think children's centre services should look in Wiltshire. You can respond to this consultation in two ways between 23rd January and 20th March 2019:

- **By attending a consultation session in your community area. Your children's centre provider will have details of these.**
- **And/or you can complete this questionnaire online here:**
[Children's Centre Rationalisation Survey 2019](#)

or <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations>

If you have any questions please send them to consultation@wiltshire.gov.uk

