

Gavin Handford's response as provided by the relevant Croydon Council's Directors, to questions raised at the last CVSA meeting on 10 June 2021:

- Is the Council closing Croydon Care and Equipment Service and how are we going to provide equipment to older and disabled residents if this happens?

*No – it is closing down the retail arm of equipment that trades / sells equipment to people online or in our shop, called YourCare. Brexit and Covid has meant the retail market and supply chain has become challenged and the company is not set to break even. Any customers will be provided with other retail equipment providers. The council and NHS continues to commission, and the council continues to deliver its high-quality in-house Community Equipment Service for people who have assessed needs for equipment.*

- Can we have a chart displaying what groups are on the LVP Board and steering groups?

*Last board invitees: SWL CCG, Council, One Croydon, BME Forum, Palace for Life, Croydon CAB, Asian Resource Centre Croydon, Mind In Croydon, CVA, CNCA, Kings Fund, GPs, VCS Specialist.*

- How are the proposed changes to Children's Centre provision affecting commissioned Best Start community projects and how can the voluntary sector collaborate with the Council in those areas most affected by centre closure (e.g. Shirley, Purley, etc)?

*The Children's Centres are part of the Best Start commissioning. As part of the proposed savings across Best Start, there will be changes to the Best Start commissioned contracts.*

*We are very keen to collaborate with the voluntary sector in relation to the provision of service for our youngest children and families.*

*The consultation in relation to this has recently finished and once a decision has been made about the final model, we welcome the collaboration.*

- Is the Council planning to sell the Children Centre buildings that will be closed (e.g. Shirley) or is it considering an asset transfer for community use?

*No final decision has been made about this as we have only recently closed the consultation.*