

# Did you know a Request for Information has been issued by Surrey County Council?

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- Are you interested in providing services and activities for people with learning disabilities in Surrey?
- It may be that you already work with existing day services – but have you considered running activities yourself on a one off or regular basis?

Surrey County Council recently completed a consultation asking people what they thought about our plans to improve services for people with learning disabilities. A common question we were asked was whether Surrey County Council needs to provide all the services on offer, or if other organisations could provide them too.



The council is advertising an official 'Request for Information' (RFI) to find out which organisations are interested in providing day, evenings or weekend services to people with learning disabilities. The council also want to know about other organisations that can provide overnight or short breaks to people, and would like to hear from employers and organisations that would be interested in providing employment or volunteering opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

**This RFI is all about collecting information – this isn't a tendering process.**



With the introduction of individual budgets, people with learning disabilities will have their own money and will be able to purchase their own support - choosing what they want to do during the day - buying from a wider range of organisations than has traditionally been the case.

- Do you already run activities that people with learning disabilities could 'buy' in to?
- Could you run integrated courses or groups that would enable people to become more active in their communities?
- Do you run specialist activities such as art, music, dance, advocacy, sport and leisure that could offer people more choice?
- Do you support employment or life skills learning and opportunities that might be interesting to local people with learning disabilities.



To get a copy of the RFI paper work to fill in contact Stephen Macvicar via [contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk), 03456 009 009 (Minicom 0208 541 8914)

If you have some ideas but are not sure whether to take part in the RFI please contact the Day Service Project Team 0845 24 66 226 [socialcare.dayservices@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare.dayservices@surreycc.gov.uk) for an informal chat.