

Laura Chambers refurbishment proposal update 26.1.2016

Citizens

As of 5 January 2016 all residents of Laura Chambers Lodge have now left and moved on to alternative accommodation of their choice.

Trade Union and Staff

Consultations closed on 25 January 2016. The result being that 2 staff teams - Laura Chambers Lodge and Oakdene have been merged to create one staff team for the new learning disability service. Although this means that the Oakdene staff establishment will be bigger than currently required, the additional staff will be used to cover a/l. sickness and training across the Adult Provision estate opposed to using agency staff.

Refurbishment works

The DDM for the architectural design to commence is awaiting sign off by the leader of the council. Once this has been signed off the architects will be on site drawing up and finalising plans. This will take us to March / April 2016.

Security/ usage of building between now and the building works commencing

The building is still operational in that staff from Adult Provision are in the process of decanting the equipment and furniture. Also staff from other Adult Provision services are using the office accommodation to show a staff presence and show the building is still in use. Security measures i.e CCTV and alarm systems in use overnight and when not used at weekends. The community protection team aware of changes and carrying out regular patrols.