

Partners Consultation on Bolton's Proposed Change to the Governance of Start Well Centres

20th September – 19th October



Rationale for the consultation

The Start Well Service priority is to improve outcomes for children in their early years and beyond,

With revised national policy, a focus on the first 1001 critical days; an emphasis on place-based services, we want to develop neighbourhood Start Well Family Hub and 'integrated 0-19 services'.

As part of our statutory duty we must consult on the Start Well Centre governance and any proposed changes.

To undertake a public consultation on the Start Well Centres Governance to be aligned with the Council's 1,3,9 neighbourhood model and to redesignate the Start Well Centres into Start Well Family Hubs.



Why is this happening?

- To create Start Well Family Hubs and to ensure cohesion in service delivery it is proposed that the Bolton Start Well Centre reach areas are aligned with the Council's 1,3,9 neighbourhood model:
 - 1 locality (Bolton),
 - 3 districts (North, South, West)
 - 9 neighbourhoods (Turton, Brightmet/Little Lever, Crompton/Halliwell, Deane/Rumworth, Central/Great Lever, Farnworth/Kearsley, Chorley Roads, Horwich, Westhoughton).
- This would involve the merger of the three statutory Early Years Partnership Boards (Advisory Boards) into one, with the retention of elected member representation.



What do we want to achieve?

It is proposed that responsibilities for Start Well Centre buildings be realigned as part of the Start Well Family Hub and 'integrated 0-19 services' functions.

They will operate longer opening times, including evenings and weekends, to enable a flexible approach to meet the needs of children, young people and families.

This will support Targeted Early Help and other services to provide a timelier response to help prevent escalation 'out of hours' and gives families access to the service at a suitable time for them, thus improving uptake and engagement.



What are you being consulted on?

Rename the Start Well Centres, calling them Start Well Family Hubs:

The hubs will then support families from pregnancy onwards - until their children are 19 years old, or older for those with special needs

Changing the way the governance boards work, by having a Start Well Family Hub in each neighbourhood, reporting to one boroughwide board, instead of three.

Include the Bright Meadows Centre in Brightmet as a Start Well Family Hub, alongside the other 17 centres.



What will this look like?

The aim is to move to a Group Delivery Model. This would retain all three Statutory Children's Centres under one shared leadership and management arrangement.

Currently the three Statutory Start Well Centres have a Head of Centre managing each locality and associated buildings.

The Governance for each Start Well centre reach area is to an Early Years Partnership Board in each locality.

By moving to a group Delivery model the Governance will move to one boroughwide Early Years Partnership Board and a shared leadership across all the centres.

Group Delivery Model

Each main Children's Centre no longer has its own manager but has shared leadership and management and shared services.

Request the redesignation from Start Well Centres (0-5) to Start Well family Hub (0-19). This will then give Bolton the opportunity to develop the Start Well Family Hub and 'integrated 0-19 services' functions in partnership.



Governance through **One Partnership Board across the Borough**



West District:
Oxford Grove Start Well Family Hub

North District :
Tonge Start Well Family Hub

South District :
Great Lever Start Well Family Hub

A Family Hub in each of the 9 Neighbourhood

Link sites

Directly ran:

- Horwich & Blackrod Libraries*

Partner ran:

- Hulton
- Westhoughton

Link sites

Directly ran:

- Oldhams Start Well **Family Hub**
- Bromley Cross Library*
- Leverhulme Centre*
- Bright Meadows **Family Hub**

Partner ran:

- Crompton

Link sites

Directly ran:

- Harvey Start Well **Family Hub**
- Alexandra Start Well **Family Hub**
- *Farnworth Start Well Family Hub & Young People's Centre*

Partner ran:

- Kearsley Centre
- Little Lever Centre
- Lord Street & Grosvenor



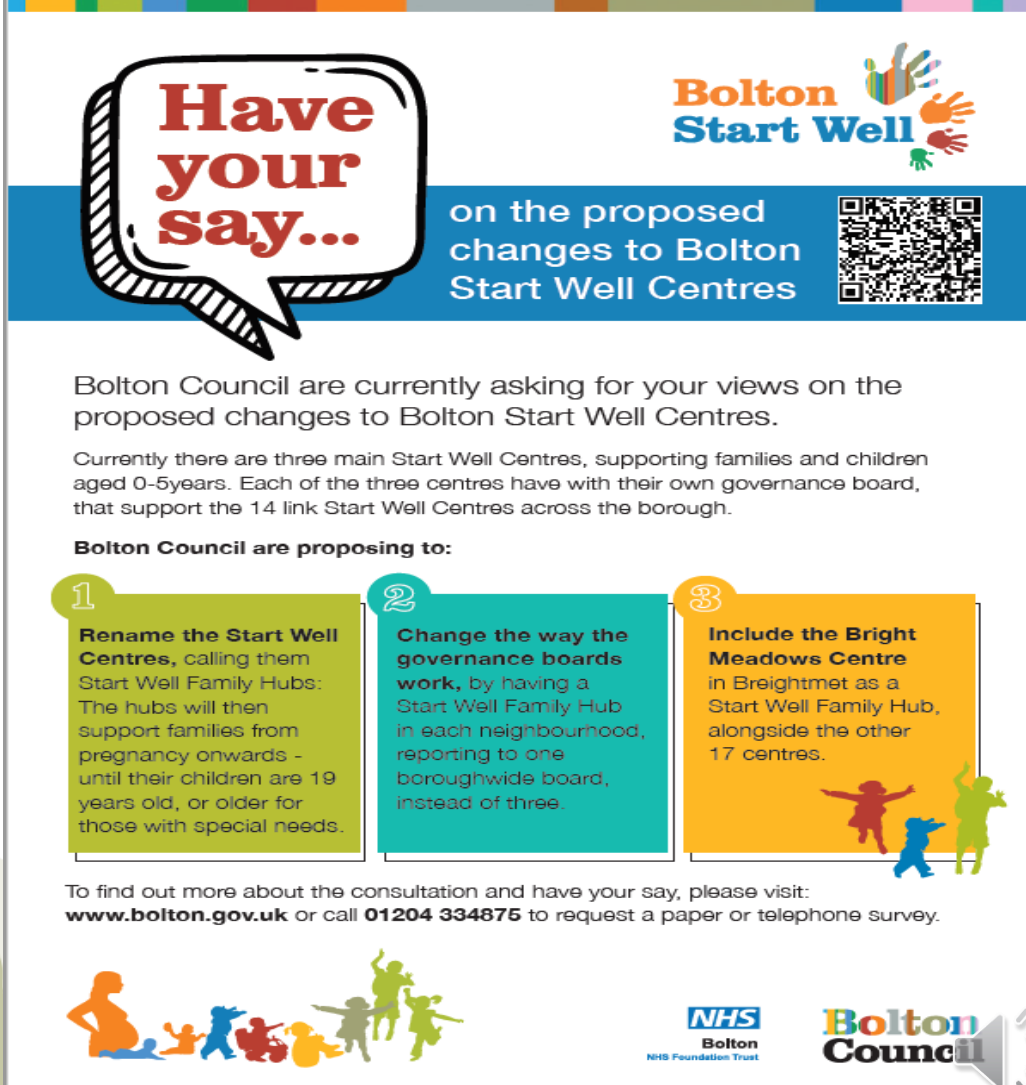
Services available across the Start Well Family hubs and linked sites

- Community Midwifery
- 0-19 Public Health Nurses (Health Visitors)
- Start Well Locality team (0-5yr)
- Voluntary sector partners
- Childcare providers (not on every site)
- Early Years Communication and Language Service
- Family Time service
- Family Information Support
- Perinatal & Parent Infant Mental Health Service
- Enhancing Families Team
- Targeted Early Help
- CAHMS
- Dietetics teams



Consultation


- Consultation period will run for 30 days and will start 20th September and will close 5pm 19th October
- Consultation will seek views of service users, staff, partners and elected members in shaping future service.
- Consultation through leaflets, social media posts will all link to the online questionnaire



Have your say...

Bolton Start Well

on the proposed changes to Bolton Start Well Centres






Bolton Council are currently asking for your views on the proposed changes to Bolton Start Well Centres.

Currently there are three main Start Well Centres, supporting families and children aged 0-5years. Each of the three centres have with their own governance board, that support the 14 link Start Well Centres across the borough.

Bolton Council are proposing to:

- 1** **Rename the Start Well Centres**, calling them Start Well Family Hubs: The hubs will then support families from pregnancy onwards - until their children are 19 years old, or older for those with special needs.
- 2** **Change the way the governance boards work**, by having a Start Well Family Hub in each neighbourhood, reporting to one boroughwide board, instead of three.
- 3** **Include the Bright Meadows Centre** in Brightmet as a Start Well Family Hub, alongside the other 17 centres.

To find out more about the consultation and have your say, please visit: www.bolton.gov.uk or call **01204 334875** to request a paper or telephone survey.



Consultation Questionnaire

- Please tell us your views
- To access the consultation follow the link

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163163094608>

- Or the QR code

