**IDS Consultation**

**12th June 2014**

**Council Chamber Rugby Borough Council Town Hall, Rugby**

Would 10 more staff make the service better or more efficient? Adrian - No, currently comfortable with the amount of staff they currently have. Services are things like Short Breaks, Direct Payments, this is in addition to staff.

Are there enough Social Workers for if there are lots more referrals? Adrian - We allow about 20 cases per caseworker. There will also be 10 Family Support Workers with caseloads of about 25 cases at a time.

Adrian - It is always possible that after a review has been done some parents may no longer have a social worker. There is currently no planned expansion on the review. There are already 97 overnight respite, 21 children in care and 1 child protection case. Parents should not worry about losing their social workers.

One parent for the last 2 years had a family key worker, CAF and Short Breaks and just recently this has all been taken away from her. The key worker stopped work due to her having a CAF. CAF had told her that she needed to call Multi-Agency as the CAF was going to be suspended due to her having a social care assessment. In the social care assessment the new Matrix of need was used. She is currently awaiting the report. In desperate need of respite.

One parents son has an assessment in September last year. Will they still get Respite being as its being cut.

Shortbreaks costs £350 per year. 2 hours a month @ £15 of needs. Automatic with no assessment if on high level of need. If not on high level of need an assessment would be offered.

There is currently a backlog of social care assessments due to the staff restructure. The team won't refuse to do an assessment but it may take longer.

When Short Breaks stops what will happen? Adrian - This has gone out to tender and we have had 20 replies. This will start on 1st October.

Will people be turned away after having a referral if there is no service to currently offer? Adrian - An assessment would be done and a care plan would be put into place.

Parents and carers with children that have Autism can find it hard to get out of the house to attend meetings like this one.

The DLA form was a hard form to fill in and some people are having to get their key workers to help with this.

Its all very hard to understand and parents are exhausted with all of it. It would be nice to have someone to talk to who will listen like a key worker.

There has to be a secondary report. A lifeline is needed for parents as well as consistency. Can you confirm if this could happen?

There will always be some residential care in Warwickshire

Rebecca - Demand is being misunderstood.

Parents would be happy to put a little bit into clubs and groups.

A paper is to be written by the end of July. Adrian and Rebecca will be creating this and it will go to cabinet on 22nd July.

There will be a review of the Local Offer

It was the full council who made the decision on where the cuts were going to be made.

Helen to send the presentation to the group.