# The Update

The latest news and announcements from Derbyshire UNISON

### Derbyshire County Council Adult Care

The county council has launched a 56-day consultation over the future of short-term services. UNISON wants every care worker to be involved in the consultation.



# Care worker (Community): short-term services consultation

The review of short-term services is now under way. This consultation will last for eight weeks.

Members should have received their consultation papers already. Contact your line manager if you haven't. During the consultation you will be able to meet with management and HR who will explain what is being proposed in more detail.

This consultation is in response to all the feedback members have given about short term services over the last three years. There is also a refocus on hospital discharges and enablement services.

Part of the consultation is about bringing other elements of adult care into a seven-day service, ie the jobs of some social workers and occupational therapists.

#### Meetings

There are meetings arranged around the county over the next couple of weeks. UNISON will attend as many of the sessions as possible but there may be a few we can't reach because of other diary commitments. Therefore, we are relying on members to be our representatives, take notes

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and report back, if necessary.

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The large volume of calls we are receiving about this means it may take some time to answer all individual questions. It would help us organise responses if those with enquiries could go to our website contact page and complete the short form

(derbyshireunison.com/contact.html)

UNISON will be submitting a response to this consultation based on members' views over the coming weeks. We urge members to participate within this consultation and give as much feedback to the council as possible along with possible alternative proposals. Please copy us in at the email addresses below.

## Your views will determine UNISON's response to the consultation

You, the members, are the primary stakeholders within this consultation and with your input, we aim to ensure that short term services in the future will be best provided by Derbyshire County Council.

#### **Get more involved!**

If you would like to get involved and become a UNISON representative or find out what this entails, please contact us on <a href="mailto:branch@unisondc.co.uk">branch@unisondc.co.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:danny.treacy@unisondc.co.uk">danny.treacy@unisondc.co.uk</a>

Thanks for your continued support.

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