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Dear

**Consultation of proposals for the future provision of services provided by the Opt-In team**

Tameside Council is undertaking a review of the Opt-In service which provides support and groups for a range of service users with mental health needs.

This review is being undertaken as a result of a need for Adult Social Care to save £19.7million over the next two years. This can only be achieved through the undertaking of a comprehensive review of all the services that we deliver to ensure we are working in the most efficient way with the most vulnerable service users.

There are a number of organisations across Tameside who offer a range of support services to adults with mental health issues and additionally a recovery and wellbeing college is under development in Tameside which will have the aim of running co-designed and co-delivered courses with a well-being and recovery focus. We need to ensure there is no duplication of resources and we continue working together to ensure that the best value is offered to local people.

As a result of the review it could mean that fewer people will be able to use the service or that the service is provided in a different way.

We want to make sure that all current service users and carers as well as our key partners have the opportunity to be part of the review and have arranged a number of ways you can contribute;

* By completing the attached questionnaire and returning it in the envelope provided
* Through the Big Conversation on the Council’s website at:

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/AdultServices/Budget/Consultation>

* At one of the social groups we will be attending;

Hyde Social Group

St George’s Church

Hyde

SK14 1JZ Tuesday 3 November 15 from 12pm-2pm

Dukinfield Social Group

St Mark’s Church

Church Square

Dukinfield

SK16 4PR Thursday 5 November 15 from 12.30-2pm

Denton Social Group

Denton Methodist Church

Hyde Road

Denton

M34 3AQ Friday 6 November 15 from 11.30-1.30

We do hope you will use one of these available forums to let us have your opinion.

Once the consultation is complete the feedback will be collated, anonymised and analysed. This will then help us to ensure your feedback is taken into account in shaping the Councils actions. A report will then be developed which will be considered by the Council in December 2015 when a final decision will be made.

If you have any questions or require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number or through the opt-in team.

Yours sincerely

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Adult Social Care