

# Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission Briefing

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**Anchor Centre update**

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### **1.0 Purpose of Briefing**

To update the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission on steps being taken to ensure that the wet day centre remains open over the winter period.

### **2.0 Update**

At the previous scrutiny commission meeting (September 28<sup>th</sup> 2015) the physical condition of the anchor centre was discussed. It was noted that there are a number of issues which, if not rectified, could result in the service closing over the winter months.

The following issues were identified;

Inadequate heating of the building  
Safety of the hot water supply (particularly the showers),  
Poor lighting in some areas  
Building security (issues with the front door)

Following the scrutiny meeting officers met with the provider. It was noted that the issues identified had been recorded at the annual health and safety inspection and that remedial work had already commenced. It was also noted that the provider had not been fully aware of the processes in place to alert LCC of issues with the building.

As of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 the current situation with regard to the necessary remedial works is as follows;

The heating system is old and can be temperamental however heating is now regulated and LCC maintenance can be contacted to rectify when needed

Lighting is now sufficient

There is adequate electrical supply in the PC room and PAT testing has been carried out in September 2015.

Doors are now secure

The building has received pest proofing and there is currently no evidence of vermin

activity

There remains an issue with the shower which does not have thermostatic control. An order has been raised for a contractor to either repair or replace the shower to ensure it meets relevant standards.

In addition to these immediate issues there are problems with roof leaks crumbling plaster work, lack of ventilation to the kitchen etc. The provider has agreed that, pending a long term accommodation solution, it does not make economic sense to address these issues at this point in time. If however alternative accommodation is not secured in the new year these additional works will be required.

We continue to work to identify a long term accommodation solution for the wet day centre and a detailed option appraisal is currently being undertaken by officers.

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### **Details of Scrutiny**