

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of funding changes that will affect the respite provision that your child currently receives at Nascot Lawn.

At the moment, the service at Nascot Lawn is funded by the two clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in Hertfordshire, the local NHS organisations that plan and pay for health services. It is provided by Hertfordshire Community Trust whose staff deliver the service. Hertfordshire County Council has a duty to provide a range of Short Breaks services (including day-time and overnight care as well as education or leisure activities and services to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays). Short Breaks services are provided for eligible children across Hertfordshire.

In a situation where NHS budgets are under huge pressure Herts Valleys CCG needs to control spending to balance our budget and this means focusing on health services for which we are legally responsible. In view of this Herts Valleys CCG will be ceasing funding for Nascot Lawn from 31st October 2017.

Herts Valleys CCG will continue to fund a range of health services that support the needs of children and young people. The county council may or may not already be involved with your child and, if required, an assessment will be undertaken to understand if any further support is needed.

We fully understand that you will feel anxious about what this means for your child and your family and three meetings for parents and carers who are currently receiving respite provision at Nascot Lawn have been arranged. These will take place on the following dates and times.

- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 1.00 – 2.00pm**
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 – 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 – 10.00am**

The meetings will take place at the Boxmoor Trust Centre, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2RE. Please find enclosed map. Free parking is available at the Centre.

These meetings will explain next steps and there will also be an opportunity to put questions to the CCG representatives. Parents and carers are invited to attend whichever meeting date and time is most convenient. We would be grateful if you could let us know which of the meetings you will be attending. Please contact Annette Pullen by email to [annette.pullen@hertsvalleysccg.nhs.uk](mailto:annette.pullen@hertsvalleysccg.nhs.uk) or by phoning 01442 898867 to confirm your attendance.

If you would like to find out details about the county council's local offer you can contact the 0-25 Together service before the meeting. The contact details are as follows:

- Website: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services/0-25-together-service.aspx](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services/0-25-together-service.aspx)
- Email: [0-25\\_central@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:0-25_central@hertfordshire.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 0300 123 4043 - for young people up to 17 years old; 0300 123 4042 - for anyone 18 or older.

For your reference please find enclosed information for the 0-25 Together Service.

Yours sincerely