



Renfrewshire
Health & Social Care
Partnership

Sustainable Futures

Proposal to close Autism Connections

This easy read document will tell you why Renfrewshire HSCP need to save money.

It will tell you how the HSCP will make decisions.

It will tell you what it means to people, staff and other services if the Autism Connections service closes.

It will tell you what happens next and how you can have your say.

What is Sustainable Futures?



To make sure health and social care services are right for people, we have the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board.



They decide how the money is spent to run services.



We are Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. We deliver these services.



Each year more people need help from our services.



Things cost more money now. We have to look at ways to save money. We call this Sustainable Futures.

Why might Autism Connections close?



We have looked at different ways to save money.



If the Autism Connections service closes this will save money.

£127,000

Closing Autism Connections would save £127,000.



The law says that we must provide some services to people that need help with health and social care. This could be services like home care.

There is no law that says we must have a service like Autism Connections.



If we do not make savings, we may not have enough money to run the services that the law tells us to.



What is Autism Connections?



Autism Connections is a team of 3 people.



They help staff like health and social workers, to support autistic adults.



They do autism training for council and health staff and other community organisations.



They support young autistic adults when they move from school to adult services.



They help autistic adults and their families. Giving them information about other services that could support them.

What could happen if Autism Connections closes?



Autistic adults and their families may need to get support from somewhere else.



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Council and healthcare staff may need to get autism training from somewhere else.



The 3 Autism Connections staff

- May get another job in the HSCP
- Or take voluntary redundancy
- Or early retirement

How would people be supported if Autism Connections closes?



Autistic adults and their families and carers may be supported to access other services.



Carers can get support from Renfrewshire Carers Centre.



Where needed, autism training will be delivered by other organisations.

What will happen next?



There are events in June. You can have your say about the proposal to close Autism Connections.



What people tell us will help the Integrated Joint Board to decide about closing Autism Connections.



The IJB will make a decision at a meeting in September 2025.



If they decide to close Autism Connections, this will happen from October 2025.



The dates and times for the events to have your say are on the next page.

Events to Have Your Say



Renfrew Town Hall



Monday 16th June



to



Johnstone Town Hall



Monday 23rd June



to



Paisley Town Hall



Tuesday 24th June



to



Online Events to Have Your Say



Older People
Day Services



Tuesday 17th June



to



Day Services
Redesign



Wednesday 18th June



to



Autism
Connections



Wednesday 18th June



to



Online Events to Have Your Say



Flexicare



Thursday 19th June



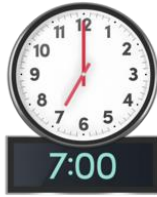
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Learning Disability
Respite



Thursday 19th June



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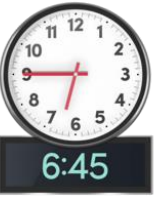
Assertive
Outreach



Wednesday 25th June



to



Heath Visiting
& Childsmile



Thursday 26th June



to

