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# Sustainable Futures

## Proposal to close Flexicare

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 Flexicare 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.



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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 must look at ways to save money. We call this Sustainable Futures.



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# Why might Flexicare close?



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We have looked at different ways to save money.



If the Flexicare service closes this will save money.

**£160,000**

Closing Flexicare would save £160,000.



The law says that we must have some services for people who 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 Flexicare.



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



# What is Flexicare?



Flexicare is a team of 2 people, 5 sessional workers and 9 volunteers.



They help autistic people and people with a learning disability to take part in social and leisure activities.



They support people to do things in their community. Sessional workers and volunteers help people to do this.



People can get support in groups or from one to one befriending.



They train sessional workers and volunteers on learning disabilities and autism.

# The support people need



People need different types of support.

We have to deliver services to the people who need it most.

To help us do this we have four ways to work out what people need.



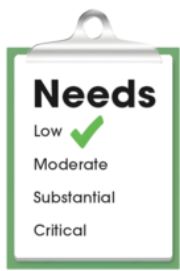
**Critical Need** –highest support needs



**Substantial Need** – high support needs



**Moderate Need** – some support needs



**Low Need** – less support needs

# What could happen if Flexicare closes?



People who get support from Flexicare may need to get other support to go to activities in their community.



Families and carers of people who go to Flexicare may need to get respite support from somewhere else.



Volunteers and sessional workers may need to get learning disability and autism training from somewhere else



The 2 Flexicare staff

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



Volunteers and Sessional Workers who want to support people with learning disabilities or autistic people may be able to work within other HSCP services.

# How would people be supported if Flexicare closes?



People who use Flexicare may get support to look at other services that could help them.



Carers can get support from Renfrewshire Carers Centre.



Where needed learning disability and autism training will be delivered by another service.



# What will happen next?



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



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



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



If they decide to close Flexicare, 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 16<sup>th</sup> June



to



Johnstone Town Hall



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June



to



Paisley Town Hall



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June



to



# Online Events to Have Your Say



Older People  
Day Services



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June



to



Day Services  
Redesign



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



to



Autism  
Connections



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



to



# Online Events to Have Your Say



Flexicare



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June



to



Learning Disability  
Respite



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June



to



Assertive  
Outreach



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June



to



Heath Visiting  
& Childsmile



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June



to

