

## **Changes to Children's Centre services**

## **Westgate Children's Centre**

Warwickshire County Council is redesigning services for the county's children and families.

This is to provide more flexible support to more families with children and young people aged up to 19 (25 for those with additional needs) against a backdrop of reduced budgets.

Following a transition period with the current children's centre providers the new service will be in place from September 2019.

## What this means?

- 14 centres will become Children and Family Centres offering family support for 0-19 year olds, with a continued focus on 0-5s and specific countywide services from pregnancy to when a child is 2 years old.
  - North Warwickshire Borough Atherstone
  - Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Camp Hill, Riversley, Stockingford, St Michael's
  - Rugby Borough Boughton Leigh, Claremont, Long Lawford
  - Warwick District Kingsway, Lillington, Westgate
  - Stratford District Alcester, Lighthorne Heath, Stratford
- For the remaining centres, in some of these services will cease and services will be provided locally on an outreach basis.
  - A list of these centres can be found by visiting www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis
- Information, advice and activity sessions will be on offer at a variety of community locations

We want to continue to support families whilst the new service model is put into place and to help people who might be unsure what it means for them.

Through the transition period into a Children and Family Centre, this centre will continue to be managed by Barnardo's although availability of services may change. Please ask at the centre for more details or visit <a href="www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis</a> for details of alternative centres and support nearby.

We will keep you informed about family services available in this area as soon as we have them in place.

If you have any questions about services available in your area please contact the Family Information Service 01926 742274.



