Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, and Occupational Therapy services for children and young people in Bucks are changing. Earlier this year we asked for your thoughts on the current services. We received over 300 responses with great feedback and ideas, which have helped shape the new services. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Now is your chance to see the plans for the new services:

**Online**  [www.letstalkhealthbucks.nhs.uk](http://www.letstalkhealthbucks.nhs.uk) from 1st – 25th September 2016

**In person**  Drop-in any time between 5.30pm-7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at County Hall in Aylesbury town centre

You are invited to give your feedback on the plans through an online survey, at the event, or by contacting me via phone or email before 25th September. If your child is between 12-18 years old there is a special online survey they can complete (at the same web address) and we would like to hear from them too.

**Highlights of the proposed new service**

**What’s new**
- More focus on helping children and young people reach their goals and supporting parents, carers and others to help children and young people do this
- Keeping families better informed and listening to families more
- More support when children and young people are moving schools
- A single service (one team) will help make it easier for therapists to talk to each other (children will still see specialists for each therapy)
- Personal Budgets for therapies will be developed
- More use of technology to support the therapy if families want it e.g. smartphone apps

**What’s not changing**
- No cuts in funding
- Focus on keeping waiting times down
- Services offered are based on individual needs of children and young people

We believe that services are being changed for the better and welcome your views.

Yours sincerely

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