

## **When does it run?**

The service takes place from Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 3.00. The service runs for 50 weeks per year, with 2 weeks closure over the Christmas period. The service is also closed on bank holidays.

## **Where does it take place?**

The service meets at our premises at 8 Stanley Park Road, Wallington SM6 0EU. Activities take place at our premises and other venues, including a wide range of community activities.

## **Who is the service for?**

The service is aimed at adults with a learning disability aged 18 or over. The service can support people with a range of different needs, including those with personal care needs. People who attend the service are normally residents of the London Borough of Sutton.

## **How is the service organised?**

The service is group-based and we usually have 2 groups running each day. The size of each group depends on the range of needs of the people being supported, but typically each group would have around 12 members.

## **Who provides the service?**

Each group has a service co-ordinator and a team of staff who will support you throughout the day. All our staff are experienced in working with people with a learning disability and have taken part in our extensive training programme. We will pair you up with a key worker who will help identify your specific interests.

## **How can I join the service?**

People will need to have a confirmed place on the service before attending. People can self-refer or be referred by their local authority. You will need to have a package of care in place which will fund your place on the service. This typically will be in the form of a Direct Payment or an arrangement where your local authority purchases the service from us on your behalf.

## **Is there a waiting list?**

The service is very popular and we therefore usually operate a waiting list. For up to date information on how long you are likely to wait before accessing the service, contact our Adult Services Manager, Tammy Satchell on 020 8138 8956 or e-mail [tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk](mailto:tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk)

## **Can I choose when I attend?**

You will be able to choose to attend for 1, 2 or 3 days per week, depending on service availability. You will then pay to be part of the group for each of your chosen days, although we allow a certain number of holiday days each year, where you will not be charged for non-attendance.

**What happens on the service?**

We provide a wide range of activities, both at our premises and in the wider community. The actual activities are organised around the choices of the people who attend. In house activities can include arts and crafts, cooking, dance, karaoke, sports and games and use of facilities in our garden and lounges. You might also be interested in taking part in our digital projects which can help people produce films and podcasts and make music. Trips out could include visits to sports facilities, cinema, parks, seaside, or pub lunches.

**Can I choose the activities I will do?**

Services are planned with the involvement of group members, so we will try and plan activities that will suit all the people who attend. As we get to know you, we will also want to find out about particular things you like to do, or life skills you would like to develop. We will then look at ways that we can support you in working towards your individual goals.

**Is transport available to attend the service?**

We are not normally able to provide transport to and from the service. We do however have a minibus available for use during the service and make use of public transport whenever possible.

**How much does it cost?**

The price for the service will depend on the level of support required as follows:

Low support needs: £69.30 per session (£12.60 per hour).

Medium support needs: £90.53 per session (£16.46 per hour).

High support needs: £142.78 per session (£25.96 per hour).

These prices are correct up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

This price includes all in-house activities and materials, Refreshments during the day, including tea, coffee, juice and snacks and use of Sutton Mencap transport to access community venues and external activities. You will also need to bring £5 of your own money each day to cover the cost of any entrance fees or additional activities, plus either a packed lunch or additional money to buy lunch.

**What needs to happen before I can start?**

We need to have the following in place before you can start on the service:

- We need to have a place available for you.
- You will need to complete a client information form.
- We will need to meet with you to identify how best to support you.
- We need to have confirmation that funding is in place. This is likely to involve social services.
- You will need to sign our terms and conditions

**How can I find out more?**

Contact Tammy Satchell, Adult Services Manager on 020 8138 8956 or e-mail [tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk](mailto:tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk)

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