

Do you agree with the proposal to change the opening times of the Day Services?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		28.04%	380
2	No		71.96%	975
			answered	1355
			skipped	2

Comments: (257)

1	would think opening a little later in the morning would work. Closing over christmas & new year is not unreasonable
2	It is unfair to the vulnerable people who use and depend on this service! Plus cutting back hours will mean the workers will lose out on work!
3	The closing over Christmas seems like a good idea, but opening later or closing earlier would affect people who work and rely on the service. If you do reduce the hours would the amount we have to pay be reduced also,?
4	Surely that's the time of year that the elderly need help the most. What if they don't have any family?
5	Day services provide valuable respite and social activities for service users and carers.
6	A 2 week closure its to long
7	Leaders should take pay cuts
8	Many elderly and disabled people look forward to the time spent with other people. Plus it gives loved ones a break. Some people need the interaction with others. To cut this service would be a terrible idea.
9	Be kind, that will be all of us one day. These people may not have any human contact
10	I don't understand the consequences
11	What are the older people and disabled going to do over that period of the 2 week closure? For many maybe they to look forward to visiting the centre's to interact with other people
12	These services are vital for vulnerable people, getting them out and giving them independence.
13	We all have to face cuts unfortunately
14	This question should have been split into two: I think shorter hours is a viable proposition bug a two week closure seems harsh.
15	Because these vulnerable adults rely on these services!
16	Open later and close for 2 weeks, but providing something on christmas day to Support those who are alone and elderly
17	I am unsure whether this provision could be supplemented from the charity sector but it seems unlikely and the change process itself could unsettle and upset vulnerable people Perhaps a slight reduction in the provision and a lesser saving combined with lesser savings from the other strands might be more equitable and more "in it together spirit"
18	Front line services again. False economy. People are more at risk at these time for needing hospitalization due to lack of monitoring costing more and blocking beds due to delayed discharge
19	As long as there was sufficient service to ensure the wellbeing and mental health of both service users and their caregivers Do not agree with two week shut down over Christmas this could add extra pressure or loneliness over stressful time
20	No, this will cause a knock on effect for working carers of the elderly or learning disabled - it will affect their employment, or respite time. If you cut this service, you could see some of these people apply to the Local Authority for residential care home provision. I would imagine that an adult with complex learning disabilities will end up being cared for in a specialist residential care home away from this area. This

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	would negate the claimed saving of 100k. From watching the Victoria Derbyshire program a residential placement can cost more than 500k a year. This seems a silly gamble, one or more individuals going into residential care homes as a result of this saving proposal will be a harsh lesson.		
21	It's the elderly and the disabled you need to look after more. Not take funds off them!!!		
22	No the carers need respite this is unfair to the vulnerable		
23	These services are vital for the vulnerable and elderly. To lose these services would have a detrimental effect on the lives of these people.		
24	We shouldn't penalise the most vulnerable in our society. These services are essential for them		
25	This is a service that needs increasing, not reducing their hours. This would be false economy as we need to safeguard their well-being.		
26	It doesn't affect me so I don't really have an opinion		
27	Opening later and closing earlier but not closing entirely as this would probably mean additional service being put in from elsewhere instead		
28	Stay open longer		
29	Carers have limited support as it is and a reduction in hours at the start or end of the day can have a negative impact on their respite from caring times.		
30	Why should they suffer this is the only thing they look forward to getting out meeting people giving their family a break		
31	This will affect vulnerable people and should be protected at all costs		
32	Two weeks over Christmas yes, depending on opening times now maybe in-line with school opening hours would be ok.		
33	The old and vulnerable should not have services cut more than they have been already		
34	Whilst we need to make c£8m in savings, shaving 100k off the cost of supporting some of the most vulnerable residents doesn't seem cost effective Also closing over Christmas and new year does not seem fair, these residents may not have contact with anyone during that time of year and the isolation suffered by these residents could have a longer term impact on services		
35	This service provides a lifeline for the patient and their carer!		
36	This service is sometimes the only thing that people have to look forward to, and is essential for their wellbeing and mental health		
37	I imagine this is a life saver for carers		
38	Elderly need stability		
39	More details needed as to who uses the service and how much they depend on it, what is the day service		
40	Not enough information or balanced effect this would have on the service		
41	These vulnerable adults need all the support they can get .I think it's appalling you can even consider cutting the hours.		
42	More information about the number of hours to be cut is really needed to make an informed decision. Fundamentally any cut in provision will target the most vulnerable in the borough and their carers. What impact will this have on the contracts of the staff? Closing for a two week period over Christmas will have a similar detrimental effect. It raises the question as to whether without the respite of the day centre added pressure will be placed on the NHS. Again will the staff be paid during the 'shut down' period ? Where are the savings coming from?		
43	This service is vital to those that need it and also the families		

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44	For many people this is their only contact with the outside world. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year is an awfully long time. They need the company and support offered for as long as possible. Reducing the hours available is a false saving as it will produce other problems in the long run in these people's lives.		
45	It might work during the winter months.		
46	There are not sufficient facilities with the Day Services		
47	Closing a service for those in need? Why is this first?		
48	For some people this is the only chance they have to go out. Closing earlier or opening later could affect them immensely.		
49	Why cut provision of undervalue adults who already have a poor service on the day centre? The council should be spending more money in the day centre.		
50	The festive period is sometimes a challenging and often lonely time for the elderly and those with learning difficulties. I think restricting services during these times seems like an unfair decision.		
51	This an absolute stupid proposal these people have suffered enough in times of cuts and austerity		
52	We have a responsibility to support older people and those with learning disability in the community. These people may not be capable of supporting themselves so we must maintain these services		
53	Several aspects here which I don't feel have been considered, is this true consultation? 1 question with minimal background information... what does this reduction mean to families what access the service? the wider impact to the family that may need to finish work as the reduction impacts on the carers of the individual etc. what Christmas period are you referring to? no date provided. There is so much more around this proposal, 1 question does not do this justice...		
54	What does this mean? What are the changes to the times? Need to know more information. It is unfair to cut services to the vulnerable, especially as some of the people may be impacted by other potential cuts i.e. raising council tax, reduction in other services that they access. More work needs to be done to assess the real impact on service users, and service user consultation to ensure things can be done to mitigate it. Will the service users families be impacted therefore not be able to work etc. which could mean more cost to the authority in the long run.		
55	Inconvenience that this could cause to families doesn't seem to be reflected in the saving, less than £2 per person and in the borough per year		
56	Closing it when people need it shouldn't be an option. Especially over Christmas and New Year. It must meet the needs of the people not the council.		
57	The elderly or the disabled should not be effected by any changes.		
58	Over christmas is a time when a lot of these vulnerable people need access to these services more than ever		
59	I think the council needs to be restructured internally. Also pay cuts to high wage council office workers. You clearly aren't capable of doing the jobs that need to be done, therefore shouldn't be getting paid a high wage.		
60	Not good for clients		
61	I have no issue with the times changing for regular services, however, closing for 2 full weeks over Christmas could be detrimental to those using the service and their families. As social isolation is an issue in Merthyr, and loneliness is also impacting on people's lives, I think you need to consider the impact at this time of year where for some, it is more melancholy than joyful		
62	These services are vital for the people who access these day services. It provides vital respite for carers. People who access the day centres often needs continuity and routine.		

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63	No people need these times to stay		
64	This would give us an incentive to develop a community based response to the needs of this cohort of people. Such response could include developing Neighbourhood Watch Community Care Teams, Faith based Care Teams, and others. A vetting and training protocol would proved very cost effective.		
65	No there is not a lot for the elderly as it is and if they got no family they are lonely enough as it is		
66	Savings should not affect the vulnerable		
67	These people need the service,and they relatives need it to be able to do shopping etc		
68	Why do you need to change the hours at all, how many people will this affect that relies on the services provided.		
69	As their family might be reliant on these as they need to work or have rest bite		
70	There isn't enough services at present for the elderly and disabled members of our community. Cutting the times will surely have a detrimental impact on service users.		
71	Why cut day services ? They are essential for the older generation for some who don't have family it is absolutely disgraceful that you are proposing this		
72	These are the people in society that need extra care and support not less		
73	Shocking		
74	Support should be available all hours		
75	Absolutely Appalling Most of these people only have contact with other people because of these Services! Whoever had this idea really needs to have a rethInk! How would they like it if they had a relative with conditions. SHAME ON YOU MERTHYR COUNCIL		
76	For the elderly and disabled these services may be the only Time out of the house they enjoy, especially over the Christmas period when the elderly are most lonely. Ridiculous thing to do		
77	Why not try and think about increasing council revenues by developing a the local economy. Be creative. Why not engage in more shared services with other LAs.		
78	There are many savings to be made without reducing services to our most vulnerable		
79	For some this service is their only contact with other people. They need this.		
80	God no they are isolated enough, this is the only time they get to spend with people, wonder if who ever put this forward is lonely, doubt it very much , disgusting		
81	This is an essential service which enables people to continue to live with their on own		
82	Both elderly and those with learning difficulties need the service to continue running. They need to hold on to these hours for themselves and family, they like to keep to their routine and above all socialise		
83	The elderly and disabled are some of the most vulnerable people in our society these services should not be cut		
84	Families need this support it is crucial		
85	We need to look after our older generation and those with disabilities more than we do.		
86	I'm unsure what times the openings are but could it possibly be put inline with school opening hours as this is a good timings		
87	Families should be more involved		
88	These are essential services to the most needy group!		
89	Day services are a lifeline for families struggling to care and keep a loved one at home, especially over the christmas period. Also, many people with learning disability will be thrown by the change if they live by routine.		

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90	This will reduce services to the most vulnerable. Closure over Christmas would exacerbate loneliness and isolation		
91	Senior citizens and people with any disability should not be disadvantaged when the service they receive is already minimal		
92	Closing over Christmas, a time when people would likely need/rely on these services more is just cruel and nonsensical.		
93	Oh Yeah. When it comes to saving money, always cut services to the most vulnerable!		
94	Both groups of people are vulnerable; they are potentially isolated, at risk of low mood without having daily contact with others. Day services offer significant positive support.		
95	This is the only time carers get respite		
96	You have given no details . I am not agreeing to anything without specific details . Closing for two weeks affects the most vulnerable. Typical of this council - disadvantage the most vulnerable. I bet the councillors din't take a cut in wages t9 help the budget		
97	Do have other services that are less used and do not effect those most in need of your help?		
98	No many elderly people rely on this as their own form of contact with other people.		
99	Do NOT hit the most vulnerable in our community.		
100	Because these are the most vulnerable people of our society, some older people have no family, and this provision stops them feeling so lonely!		
101	Hitting those that need and use the service the most		
102	As long as those involved have sufficient care at all times		
103	It's shocking that vulnerable people are being targetted. Day services help people who otherwise might need full time care to stay at home with their families. It's false economy.		
104	It would depend on the services provided for the users and if it would benefit them,		
105	Day services are the only respite some families get, it is wrong to cut these essential services.		
106	This is probably one place they go to for company		
107	Day services are paramount for the elderly. For some, it is their only social contact. And shutting at Christmas again for some , the only time they'll share with others. Changing timings, can also cause upset and cause distress for some individuals with a learning disability. Routine and structure are vitally important for their mental wellbeing. In both instances, the family / carers of those who attend value the day services in their own right... it provides respite, an opportunity for them to know their loved ones are safe whilst they work, go shopping... etc		
108	It should be flexible in opening at the times that benefit individuals and their carers.		
109	This doesn't affect me at the moment but it's a disgrace you're thinking of cutting back services like this		
110	This will effect some of our most vulnerable residents. The Welsh Government have just given you one of the most generous settlements in years...use it to protect the vulnerable and elderly.		
111	The people and the families of individuals who use this provision are vulnerable people who relay on this provision to interact with other individuals. To close this provision over the festive period would mean many people might not see anyone over and the isolation might aggregate their conditions.		
112	People get very little help as it is		
113	Although I would understand the change in opening times, I do not agree with a 2 week shutdown over Christmas period,unless it can be shown that there is little usage during this period.		

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114	Elderly people have paid enough over the years for them to have these services in later life		
115	This is a very important service, this is the only interaction that some of these people have.		
116	With all the representing councillors we have take a play cut		
117	If you include bank holidays then the saving is for 7 days. That's ok but will there be provisions for emergenies		
118	Individuals rely heavily on these services especially over the Xmas period. Is the council, instead of looking at cutting existing services, looking at more preventative services. Where individuals do not have to attend what is seen as a very old fashioned type of provision but can look to receiving supportive services which are not necessarily standard ""social services"". Need to start thinking ""outside the box"".		
119	These are the most vulnerable of people and deserve to be protected and looked after		
120	What about the people who use the day centres. There isn't a lot of activities out there for people living with disabilities and some elderly people only see people at the day centre. It changes their routines aswell which upsets them		
121	People need these services		
122	The vulnerable need those services and special times of the year are when they are most needed.		
123	The disabled and elderly need services like these now more than ever.		
124	Budgets should not be cut in areas where vulnerable people need them the most !		
125	This is foul. I'm disgusted by this proposal. Simply put fuck up.		
126	Excellent good very good idea .This really help others people		
127	Christmas and new year are a time where those who are vulnerable need more support than ever!		
128	Usual suspects being hit by the cuts again.		
129	Older people really need this service.		
130	Some of the people that use these services have no other friends or relatives and these services are often a lifeline.		
131	It is the only place for them to go and rest bite for the family		
132	Day services are essential for elderly and people with learning difficulties		
133	Absolutely disgusting idea! Just remember our elderly are the ones who've paid the most tax over their lifetimes! Get a grip MTCBC!		
134	This service is a lifeline to many families and service users, to cut it could mean people are suffering emotionally. Many families do not qualify for home respite, this provides relief and allows carers a brief respite from the strain of caring for needy adults.		
135	That's the only time some people can meet up with others		
136	It is disgusting cutting such services for people who clearly need them it's like they are just pushed to the gutter - they look forward to these days and spending time with people who care - why should these people be penalised this is awful		
137	This is the only place for some people to go.		
138	It's the only place some people go and give family a rest or can go to work and they all enjoy themselves when they are there		
139	It's a short day service as it is. My Father attended the Dementia day unit for 2 yrs. As a family we found it an excellent facility. No changes/ cuts should be made, if anything an e tended service would be better. To reduce hours would give carers no chance of holding down any kind of a job.		

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140	For gods sake these people are societies most vulnerable and you want to take even more away from them shame on the council		
141	These services are much needed all year to help the person and their carers.		
142	It is better to have a service that may have reduced hours. Than to have no service at all.		
143	Older people and learning difficulties people need more support not less.		
144	For the elderly and people with disability Christmas is the loneliest time of the year! If you shut it during this period this will seriously imbalance peoples well being. Leave the day centre opening hours as it is.		
145	There should be more in- depth consultations with the people and family who use the services before consulting the general public!		
146	We don't use this service, didn't even know it existed but as the carer of my gran who has dementia I am aware of the support carers need and find it is already lacking.		
147	Yes it may save money, but those services are a lifeline yo so many! Not worth it		
148	I know theres money to be saved, but elderly and vulnerable depend on thos much needed lifeline..		
149	This should only be a last resort option where money saving can't be made elsewhere.		
150	I feel the whole day service system with regards to people with ALN in Merthyr needs an overhaul. We are so far behind our neighbouring authorities. The options for people with ALN are appalling and we should be ashamed that as an authority we feel it acceptable for these clients to be baby sat 9-3, Monday to Friday. The services do not support progression for the clients and are simply used as a service that provides much needed respite for their carers. There amount of specialised young people with ASD coming through the system is increasing, yet we don't have the facilities to meet their needs once their educational journey is completed. As a result young people are placed in out of county placements, and rightly so, they are exceptional facilities, which as a result costs the authority over and above what it would cost them to replicate some of the services that are provided in other authorities. There is no forward thinking by the authority to set up a sustainable, life long provision for people with ALN even though they are made aware of these young people's needs at least 5 years prior to their transitional requirements are needed to be met.		
151	These are invaluable services to the most vulnerable in the community and over xmas is the most lonely and vulnerable time for these people.		
152	The days centre staff need time off they have got family them self		
153	This is the hardest time of the year for carers. If you close these facilities then when are carers have a break		
154	Opening later and the 2 week period over Christmas and NY is fine But people who work and finish later will not have anyone to speak to if they close later		
155	It would be helpful to the general public if you could have described in more detail what these services consist of. If you haven't had any need to use these services you would have difficulty in forming a view.		
156	Puts a massive strain on carers. This service is vital and used as a little respite and allows carers to continue caring responsibilities		
157	would of been more acceptable to merge with rct		
158	This could result in breakdown in family placements if carers are not given adequate rest time. This would then cost the government more in the long run as they would have to find a social care placement.		
159	This is the only time they get out and sometimes rest bite.		
160	How can you look to cut these services when there are people getting paid a fortune in the council.		
161	We have a duty of care to safeguard these ppl		
162	Closing a hour earlier in the day center the closing for 2 wks over Christmas I don't think that would be good as some of them won't see anyone for that 2wks		

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163	Some or most of the people using this service is the only contact they have with other members of the community		
164	Yes, of course close services during a period are at their loneliest and most vulnerable!?!? Whoever came up with this proposal should absolutely ashamed of themselves. In fact, they should probably be sacked, if that's what they think of the people they should be protecting. I have never heard anything so cruel.		
165	But if closing for 2 weeks over Christmas & new year there is a need to consider if people will need alternative carer / support arrangements in place in their home.		
166	But please consult the service users		
167	There isn't enough available for disabled persons as it is without cutting facilities .		
168	It is only respite some Families may have. It also provides needed mental and social stimulation for those attending		
169	Some people especially elderly don't see anyone over Christmas if they cut it		
170	This is a disgusting proposal, taking away vital services for those who are vulnerable and in need of company and support. This service also allows carers much needed respite from their caring role. Without such carers the council would be paying more for residential placement.		
171	Elderly people/people with learning disabilities rely on these services for many elderly people when they access these services they are the only times they interact with others shorting the length of these services will have a detrimental impact on the service users		
172	These are vital lifelines for many people in Merthyr and need to be protected.		
173	This service is sometimes the only thing these people have in their lives		
174	As long as there's plenty of notice of given to those who use the service I think the impact can be managed		
175	This service is key to members of the community that need it most. Reducing this service will significantly impact vulnerable people's well-being. People that may not otherwise meet and interact with others. This is just the beginning of removing the service completely therefore any cut to it would be detrimental.		
176	This is just going to deprive the vulnerable more than they are already!		
177	For many older people and for those with learning disabilities (and their carers) these services are more than just a convenience, they add meaning and self-worth into lives that are quite vulnerable. They are already marginalized groups, increasing isolation is unjust and unworthy		
178	This service is for the most vulnerable it must stay		
179	Absolutely disgusting hitting the most vulnerable that rely on these services. Will cost you more in home care if hours are cut.		
180	I don't understand the consequences		
181	We would be providing a sub standard service to our most vulnerable if service hours we're cut we would not be a able to complete as many sessions basically we would provide a service where service users would basically come in have dinner and have their personal attended it's not good enough that is not a meaningful day the proposed changes would put extra pressure on families for some day services is the only form of respite that families are having.		
182	Day service provides detrimental support to service users who are most vulnerable within the community and gives a quality of life and purpose to living daily activities, provides links within community based activities and sometimes provides the only respite some carers get, proposals of this kind will have massive impact on service users, families, carers and also staff.		
183	This could be detrimental to service user family and staff, this service may be the only respite and contact that these people may have.		
184	Day services provides a vital support for some of the most vulnerable people in the community, it provides specialised support for complex individuals and important respite for families in the merthyr		

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	community, it works closely with Health services in insuring that any health problems are monitored and passed on to appropriate agencies, experienced trained staff provide essential support working closely with parents and carers.		
185	I totally disagree with the proposals this would mean a shorter day service for the service users who are at present receiving a very good variety of activities, therefore providing them with a meaningful day, if they day was to be cut short this would mean they would only be provided with the necessary standard care, e.g., personal care and dinner ... families of service users would be impacted greatly due to day services provision being the only respite that is offered to them, if the day was cut short there would still need to be care provided for these service user's which would also have an impact on budgets...also respite provisions only have 2 service users in at any one time , so this is very limited.. Closure would have a catastrophic impact on staff who are already on not alot more than minimum wage, it would cost staff a quarter of their monthly income, this would mean long serving experienced staff having to seek employment elsewhere, this is very unfair as these staff are very well respected, experience and been committed to the service users they are caring for, most of which have been in the serviced between 15_20 years..		
186	To do this will mean the clients we be unable to have sessions or physiotherapy and just be coming for lunch what is the point of this.		
187	The service users deserve a good quality service they are the most vulnerable in the community and should not be deprived of this privilege		
188	I believe the service users will be deprived of essential services if the hours are cut		
189	Some of these service user need to access important activities through day service.		
190	its an essential service for the parents to have a break		
191	I would like to speak for people with a learning disability. Most of them attending day service is the only chance of getting out of their house to have contact with the outside world. It is also a place for access to health needs, complex needs clinic, MDT complex problem solving, integrated health & social service review. Cutting 1 or 2 hours of the service will lose the session of quality meaningful activity time with their peers & their staff, such as TOUCH, Tac Pac, sensory & relaxation, story telling, communication, bakery, ... The access to rebound session & hydrotherapy session outside the day centre will be impossible, which will have an impact on their health maintenance. There is no time of any community visit - cutting them off from the community. It is not fair that the most vulnerable people are losing out because the council is inefficient to manage the budget. The council is selling their physical & mental health for £100,000! Many families caring for their loved ones lose their respite time, the time they need to do shopping, maintain the house & de-stress themselves. Anyway, cutting the hours of day service means paying support staff more hours at home to care for them. It is not a true saving! Poor social workers will be stressed by it with the sudden influx of cases request for extra funding. Support staff of the day centre are on low income. Losing 5 to 10 hours a week easily means they can't pay the mortgage & lose the house. The day service is likely to lose the experienced staff & its standard drops. Has anyone reviewed the staffing of the higher management level of the council? Give up one or two surplus manager easily save the £100,000!		
192	No I do not agree with the proposal for shorter day as the service user will suffer and the staff will be under more pressure to get there work load done.. no I do not agree with a two week shut down over Christmas its a nice experience for the service user in the center over Christmas which I have seen myself...		
193	These women & men provide an essential,, skilled service to both families & adults with learning disabilities. They are a daily respite opportunity for a lot of families & their carers to get much needed rest. Challenging behaviour,, multiple learning disabilities can be very draining both mentally & physically. They do an excellent job role & go above & beyond what is expected. Obviously,, someone thought this at some point was a good idea. ITS NOT. Rethink this idiotic idea.... Where is your Duty of Care?		
194	No I do not agree to this ..The service user will lose out on the care and attention that thy are due EG. not		

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	<p>enough time to accomplished mean full activates . Also you will lose some very experienced staff due to the lose in wages ..staff who have been employed in day care for 16-32 plus..</p>		
195	The most vulnerable adults use this service and implementations could be detrimental to the individual, families, carers and staff. The breakdown in support could lead to vital impacts on other resources such as social services home care nhs etc ... The service provided is specialised support for complex individuals who in some cases recieve no other respite or third party support .		
196	This will be detrimental to individuals and their families Please don't do this		
197	This would drastically impact the quality of the service provided for the individuals that are supported through these services.		
198	This will affect my family and my daughter who attends day centre in a damaging way Absolutely disagree		
199	This would not be beneficial to me I would have less time at centre this will affect my mental health		
200	I like routine and enjoy going to day centre the change of times will affect me a lot		
201	I don't agree with the proposed opening times as the families of the individuals who access this service rely very heavily on this service. Increasing the hours the individuals can access the service will greatly affect families in most areas.		
202	Day centres are such an important part to individuals lives and also to their parents and carers Peoples lives and health shouldn't come down to money!		
203	An individual I support would be very upset if the hours were cut as the service is a big part of their social lives.		
204	Any loss of hours will affect my pensionable pay I'm not agreeing to this		
205	I love going to day centre. I gets me out of the house. I consider day centre to be a very big part of life as a big chunk of my support network is through the centre. If the centre were to reduce hours then I fear for my wellbeing.		
206	I fear my grandmothers health will deteriorate without her days at centre This would be so sad		
207	All my friends are in day services. Through the service I have learned numerous skills including how to live more indepentaly. If the service reduces the hours I fear it will take the opportunity for other people to have the same chances I did.		
208	I'm sure the council can find other ways to save money without affecting the lives of vulnerable people		
209	My child access's the service. My child has made a lot of progress over the years and I would hate to see younger parents have the opportunity taken from them in an already extremely difficult landscape. I don't believe the council should be targeting those who are most vulnerable and those who support them over the mayor.		
210	It would affect me personally as an employee but the effects on the people we support would be detrimental. There would be no quality to the service!		
211	I am a working mam with 2 elderly parents both diagnosed with dementia.I personally would not cope with the service being shortened and a 2 week shut down over Xmas would cause to much up eval.Not only would i have to pay for carers to cover this period(at what price) my parents would get disorientated by a change in their routines.Learning to a deterioration in their mental health and well being. Why is it always the most vulnerable in society that get penalised !!!!!!!!		
212	Families need these services desperately, these must be there for them more not less Families-need the respite of these services		
213	Day centres provide much needed support to individuals and their families this would be a terrible shame		
214	Absolutely not. This service means so much to so many families for different reasons. By adjusting the hours of opening your not only affecting the hard working staff team in the centres but also the individuals		

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	and they're families. The individuals in the centre are dependant on theyre routine and to have such a big change could take months not years to correct.		
215	It has to be beneficial for the service users to spend more time with other service users in a dedicated environment aiding them to gain the most from the time they have with professional help from the specially trained, dedicated staff.		
216	This service needs expanding not minimising the clients in need is ever growing and deserve better from the authority		
217	No, this service is invaluable to my family. My father attends Ty Cwm twice a week and this has had a positive effect on his mental health (he's 87 with cancer and dementia). Additionally, this service also gives a much needed break for my 86 year old mother who is herself in poor health. Shortening the days for this particular service would have a negative outcome for both my parents. Please reconsider.		
218	I am not agreeing with the proposals ,it's the only respite my family receive with regard to my nan attending day centre during the hour's 9 - 4 all of our family are working and have manage to keep out own jobs without to much disruption but if the hour's were to change we would be in a very awkward position.. it's only 2 hours a day we understand this but it would mean at least 2 of us would have the much are of finding suitable working hours or even giving up our jobs... I feel this would be very unfair as we are already a struggling family trying to cope with our elderly nans diagnosis .		
219	I can't see how secluding vulnerable people from attending somewhere like this over the Christmas/new year period is beneficial, apart from one thing (money). This is time of year can be the most lonely time for some. Vulnerable people deserve the right to have a warm familiar place to go over this time and spend with familiar faces.		
220	The Day Services are a life line not only for older people and those people with a learning disability, but also for their carers.		
221	It's an essential service that should not be cut now nor in the future, our elderly are vulnerable		
222	This is a valuable service for the community and much needed by the users, their carers and families.		
223	Not service user friendly		
224	The care and level of service would be deeply compromised what the day centre provides is a must to well begin in in our community.		
225	This will be of detrimental effect to those who rely on this service.		
226	This is an essential service for vulnerable people, small savings which have a massive impact		
227	These are vulnerable people these services should be protected		
228	There is a need to support these people and it is my belief that support in day centres can allow greater independence which improves qaulity of life as well as reducing the burden on healthcare budgets in the long run		
229	Vulnerable adults should never be considered for any cuts .They should be priority .		
230	Definitely don't agree as it's very important for the people who have use these facilities x		
231	I strongly disagree with these proposed cuts, I know friends who have relatives using these services and rely on them for respite ! Always hits the most vulnerable in society , shame on you !!!		
232	These are the most vulnerable people in our society who need this service to help with their everyday lives - if you want to cut costs cut them from the top not the very bottom.		
233	The current day service provision in the Merthyr Tydfil area is not fit for purpose, this cut would make the situation for vulnerable people in the area far worse.		
234	I don't agree with cuts for the most vulnerable		
235	These services are usually accessed by people who need the integration, socialisation and in some cases a well earned break for a full time career. If these services were altered making them a shorter day, then the impact on people could be huge.		

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	An example of a carer not getting efficient respite, could mean more pressure on social care services in the long run.		
236	People need this support to give relatives		
237	Family carers need this service		
238	Depends on what time reductions are proposed.		
239	How can anyone agree if the proposals are not made clear of their intentions i.e "this could mean opening later or closing earlier or a combination of the two". Please decide on your proposals first before asking if we agree or disagree.		
240	Might be the Only means of rest bite for families and socialising for the elderly and disabled.		
241	My mother as dementia she goes down to centre gives my dad a break after shut down of ward 35 no don't do it		
242	There are not enough hours of the day now,, let alone be any less to be considered. Oh come on,, where is your duty of care to protect the vulnerable. As usual you are targeting the ones who cannot speak for themselves. What time would there be to do any community activities? There are allocated time slots, as activities are shared with other services,, and we all slot in. With a shorter day,, there would be no time/ provisions as they need to return for lunch, which gives us no time to provide this much needed service. Oh come on Merthyr Council,, get your act together and protect the vulnerable.		
243	Disabled and elderly people look aforwaed tomgojng to centres and this will take that away from them. Why knock down the people who cannot fight for themselves		
244	An essential service both for the user, their family and their carers. A false economy to think a saving here will have no knock on effect thus causing greater long term costs elsewhere. Don,t rob Peter to pay Pau and play one department off against anotherl, remember your,e all part of the same cake. Surely those most vulnerable and most in need should be the last to have to pay any sort of price and savings should be sort elsewhere that would not have such a profound consequence. At worst all that should be considered is a 2 week closure over the Christmas & New Year period.		
245	As an Occupational therapist working with people with profound and multiple disabilities, there has been major deterioration in their posture, breathing and basic skills when their attendance at day services and physiotherapy has reduced. If the length of each day is too short, there will not be adequate time for them to complete the physiotherapy programmes and to participate in the stimulating activities at the day centre that encourage movement and interaction that maintain skills. The days need to stay at the current length to fit in the needed programmes for maintenance.		
246	The public rely on these services		
247	Don't cut services for vulnerable and their carers They need the services This will have impact on the people who need these services their families carers staff If yo cut the hours support will have to be paid in their houses costing more Day services are a cheaper way for care as they look after a large number Families who are carers also work and need the current hours to go to work		
248	Agree		
249	.		
250	The people need this over the Christmas period		
251	It could be the only thing that they look forward to.		
252	Many of these people rely on this service as it is often their only form of contact with others. Also for those service users with carers/families, it can provide an essential break.		
253	How does it cost so much money for so little hours saved		

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254	A lot of people ca.nt manage without day services		
255	.		
256	test		
257	No I do not agree.. opening later or closing earlier will have an effect on the well being of the service user not enough time to have meaning full day activities staff will also be rushed to complete day to day tasks so yet again services users will not have the care and attention they are due ..		