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Rochdale and District

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We want to share an important update about the journey of Rochdale and District Mind and our community spaces. Over the years, our cafés have been more than just places to grab a coffee - they have been spaces of connection, support, and conversation, bringing people together in meaningful ways.

As part of our commitment to serving the community, we are making a transition. In July 2025 our Middleton Café will be evolving from a trading café into a community hub, providing essential mental health and well-being support for those who need it most. Additionally, our Rochdale café based in Nye Bevan House will be closing completely by the end of July. While this marks the end of an era, it is also the start of an exciting new chapter - one that allows us to offer new opportunities for engagement, bring people together in different ways, and expand our support services within the community.

We deeply appreciate everyone who has been part of this journey - whether you've visited us for a coffee, joined in conversations, or supported our mission in any way. Your involvement has helped shape a warm and welcoming space, and we want to celebrate that.

We understand that change can bring uncertainty, but we want to reassure you that our commitment to supporting the community remains as strong as ever. Through our new community hub, we will be introducing opportunities to explore different activities, join new groups, and connect in new ways - all with the goal of fostering wellbeing and togetherness. To ensure this transition best meets the needs of those we serve, we will be holding a community consultation process, inviting feedback and ideas from individuals, local groups, and partners at both of the café locations. Dates are to be announced shortly. Your insights will help shape how our new community hub operates, ensuring it remains a space for connection, wellbeing, and inclusivity. To be part of this consultation please contact us at <a href="mailto:feedback@rochdalemind.org.uk">feedback@rochdalemind.org.uk</a> or call 01706 752 338, all are welcome.

Nye Bevan House are eager to maintain operations within the café space and are actively exploring options to ensure a smooth transition. They are committed to finding a sustainable way forward and will provide further updates as plans develop.

Thank you for being part of Rochdale and District Mind's journey. We're not saying goodbye - we're evolving together, and we hope you'll continue to be part of this next chapter with us.

With gratitude and optimism,

Philip Bramson CEO Rochdale and District Mind



