



Update on the Elderly Persons' Homes Project

Report to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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Useful information

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2. Summary

- 2.1 This report gives the Scrutiny Commission an update on the progress of Phase Two of the Elderly Persons' Homes (EPH) project.
- 2.2 Work is ongoing on the following aspects of the project:
 - Transfer and sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court;
 - Supporting residents to move from Preston Lodge;
 - Closure of Preston Lodge as an EPH and transfer of the Intermediate Care Service from Brookside Court to Preston Lodge.
- 2.3 A verbal update will be given at the meeting, to provide an up to date picture on the progress that is being made.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission is recommended to note the progress made on each aspect of the EPH project.

3. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

3.1 *Sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court*

It has previously been reported to the Scrutiny Commission that Leicestershire County Care Ltd (LCCL) has been identified as the preferred bidder for Arbor House and Thurn Court. Officers have been working with LCCL, staff and residents to progress the transfer. Ownership is scheduled to transfer to LCCL on 12th October 2015.

Residents, relatives, staff and trade unions have been fully engaged in the transfer process throughout.

Activities that have been taking place include:

- Formal TUPE process to transfer staff to the new organisation.
- Deregistration and reregistration activities with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

- Preparing legal agreements to underpin the transfer.
- Work to transfer residents to LCCL, including confirming that their needs can be met.
- Transfer of staff pensions and preparation for new DBS registrations.
- Operational and property tasks.

3.2 **Supporting residents to move from Preston Lodge**

Work is underway to support permanent residents at Preston Lodge to find new homes.

The table below shows progress in supporting residents to move to new homes in accordance with the 7 step moving plan, which was used in previous projects.

RESIDENT NO	STATUS	STEP ON MOVING PLAN	NOTES AND TARGET MOVING DATE
1	Resident	Step 7	Moved and follow up visit due
2	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options
3	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options
4	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options
5	Resident	Step 7	Moved and 4 week review planned
6	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options
7	Resident	Step 5	Has chosen a home and awaiting move
8	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options

Key:

Step 1	Deciding who needs to be involved in your moving plan
Step 2	Meeting to look at what is most important to you in a new home
Step 3	Your social worker carries out a new assessment of your needs
Step 4	Meeting to review your moving plan and agree what will happen next
Step 5	Planning your move
Step 6	The day you move
Step 7	After you move

3.3 Closure of Preston Lodge EPH and transfer of the Intermediate Care service from Brookside Court to Preston Lodge

Preston Lodge will cease to operate as a residential home and the Intermediate Care Service will be transferred from Brookside Court. This will be an interim arrangement until the new build Intermediate Care facility becomes available in 2017. It will increase bed capacity for intermediate care, as there is insufficient bed capacity at Brookside Court.

The transfer of Intermediate Care beds to Preston Lodge will not take place before all permanent residents are settled in new homes. Residents are being supported to move from Preston Lodge at a pace that is suitable for them.

Staff from both Preston Lodge and the Intermediate Care Service are currently subject to an organisational review.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

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5.2 Legal implications

Legal Services are actively involved in the project and advise accordingly.

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Climate change implications have been reported previously for the EPH project as a whole.

5.4 Equalities Implications

Equalities information is included in the EPH project EIA and are considered on an individual basis when working with residents.

6. Background information and other papers:

Nil

7. Summary of appendices:

Nil

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision please explain reason