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# ***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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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission with an update on the progress of Phase Two of the Elderly Persons' Homes (EPH) project.
- 1.2 Phase Two includes the sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court as going concerns and the closure of Preston Lodge as an EPH.
- 1.3 The sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, with the transfer of the homes to Leicestershire County Care Ltd.
- 1.4 In terms of the closure of Preston Lodge, work is in progress to:
  - Support the 4 remaining permanent residents to move to alternative accommodation
  - To transfer the Intermediate Care service from Brookside Court to Preston Lodge, once Preston Lodge closes as an EPH

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission is recommended to note the progress made on each aspect of the EPH project, in particular:
  - The successful transfer and sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court to Leicestershire County Care Ltd;
  - Progress on supporting the 4 remaining permanent residents at Preston Lodge to move to alternative accommodation

## 3. Report

### 3.1 Sale of Arbor House and Thurn Court

- 3.1.1 The homes were transferred to LCCL on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 as planned. The necessary registration/deregistration activities have taken place with CQC.
- 3.1.2 Arrangements were made for each resident's placement to transfer to LCCL. Placements for existing residents were secured at the current rates, meaning that no resident would be faced with higher charges except for any standard inflationary increases.
- 3.1.3 Staff transferred under TUPE on 12<sup>th</sup> October, retaining their terms and conditions. This was with the full involvement and agreement of the trade unions.

3.1.4 *Next steps* - A lessons learned exercise will take place to identify what went well with the sale process and what could have been done differently.

### 3.2 Supporting residents to move from Preston Lodge

Work is continuing to support the remaining 4 permanent residents at Preston Lodge to find new homes.

The table below shows 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	Moved	Step 7	Moved and follow up visit due
2	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options. Specific room requirement must be met.
3	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options. Specific room requirement must be met.
4	Resident	Step 5	Placement identified, assessing for suitability
5	Moved	Step 7	Moved and 4 week review planned
6	Moved	Step 7	Moved and 4 week review planned
7	Moved	Step 7	Moved and 4 week review planned
8	Resident	Step 4	Looking at various options. Way forward identified and being planned.

#### 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**

3.3.1 Initial planning for a phased approach to transferring the Intermediate Care service from Brookside Court to Preston Lodge is in progress.

3.3.2 Discussions have taken place with the Leicester Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who fund a number of beds at Brookside Court to ensure that the transfer plans are in alignment with their requirements.

3.3.3 The organisational review of staff at Preston Lodge and the Intermediate Care service continues. A small number of staff transferred to Arbor House or Thurn Court as part of the TUPE arrangements.

## **4. Financial, legal and other implications**

### 4.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

*Stuart McAvoy, Accountant*

### 4.2 Legal implications

Legal Services have been actively involved in the project and advise accordingly.

### 4.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

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

### 4.4 Equalities Implications

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

5. **Background information and other papers:**  
Nil
6. **Summary of appendices:**  
Nil
7. **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
8. **Is this a “key decision”?**  
No
9. **If a key decision please explain reason**