

Future of in house older people's homes

From 30 October to 12 December 2014 Surrey County Council is consulting people about the future of six older people's homes that are currently run by the council. The homes are:

- Brockhurst – Ottershaw
- Cobgates – Farnham
- Dormers – Caterham
- Longfield – Cranleigh
- Park Hall – Reigate
- Pinehurst – Camberley

Why are we looking at the future of these homes?

We want to make sure Surrey residents have access to high quality care and support. The aim of both health and social care is to support people to remain as independent as possible in their own homes until later in life, with the support of friends and family and local community services. At the point that a person's needs cannot be safely met at home, the needs are often more complex and require nursing care rather than residential care. These six homes – built between 1970 and 1990 – are not designed to provide appropriate residential care to meet changing needs and meet new standards of accommodation. The homes are all currently under-utilised.



What options have we looked at?

We have reviewed each home, looking at four main options:

1. Keep the home as it is
2. Extend and refurbish the home or redevelop the site
3. Sell or lease the home to another provider
4. Support residents to move to another appropriate service and close the service.

After careful consideration of each option for each home, we think the best option for residents will be option 4 – to support people to move. We want to consult with anyone who would be affected and ask for their input to ensure we take everything into consideration before a decision is made about the future of the homes.

What are the reasons for this recommendation?

- The needs of people using residential care services are increasing in complexity, which means better facilities are needed
- The current care home environments compromise our ability to maintain high standards of care in several ways, for example access to bathrooms and space to use hoists
- Selling or leasing the homes would be difficult due to the constraints of the buildings and would not necessarily deliver improvements to quality
- Even if the necessary investment were available, there are limited opportunities to refurbish or redevelop on the current sites



- Surrey has a well developed independent sector care market offering good choice and high standards.

What will happen during the consultation?

There is a feedback form people can complete either in writing or online. The online form can be found at:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/futureofolderpeopleshomes

There will also be opportunities throughout the consultation period for residents, families, staff and others to meet with council representatives to ask questions and discuss ideas and concerns.

What will happen after the consultation?

We will send out copies of questions and answers from the consultation meetings and publish these on the council's website.

Council Officers will prepare a report to go to the council's cabinet in February 2015 with recommendations about the future of each home, taking into account the feedback received during the consultation. The report will include a full set of all responses to the questionnaire, which will be kept anonymous.

We will send regular updates to everyone on our mailing list to let them know about developments.



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More information

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