

13 May 2019**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTORS FOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & DIRECT SERVICES****RESPONSE TO A PETITION REGARDING LEIVERS COURT CARE AND
SUPPORT CENTRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee the response to the issues raised in a petition to the County Council regarding the closure of Leivers Court Care and Support Centre.

Information

2. A 553 signature petition was submitted to the Full Council meeting held on 28th March 2019 by Councillor Michael Payne. The petition requested that the Council keep Leivers Court care home open.
3. The petition further states that Leivers Court care home:
 - provides vital care and support to elderly people when they need it the most
 - helps to prevent elderly people staying in hospital longer than they need to
 - helps to free up beds in our local hospitals
 - won't be replaced.
4. Approval was given to develop Extra Care Housing and promote independent living in place of the current provision of six Care and Support Centres at Full Council in February 2015. In response to consultation feedback, it was also approved that three of the centres (Leivers Court, James Hince Court and Bishop's Court) would be kept open for another three years. On 14th May 2018, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee approved the recommended next phase of the closure of the remaining Care and Support Centres as being: St Michael's View in March 2019 and Leivers Court in June 2019, dependent on the successful procurement of alternative services. The reports are listed as Background Papers and include the reasons for the decisions, as well as options considered.
5. Since then a great deal of work has been undertaken to ensure that appropriate alternative arrangements are in place for long term residents. Also, work has taken place in partnership with health colleagues, to ensure that appropriate alternative services are in place so that

people can be discharged safely home from hospital in a timely way. Wherever possible the aim is to discharge people directly back to their own homes, with appropriate support if needed. Some people, however, may need a short stay for further assessment and/or re-ablement in an accommodation based service.

6. The outcome of this work is:

- all long-term residents living in Leivers Court have now moved into alternative placements and there are no long-term residents remaining there.
- An Extra Care scheme has been in place local to Leivers Court since the opening of the St Andrew's scheme in Mapperley in June 2015.
- investment in a new Home First Rapid Response Service means that more people are now able to go directly home after a stay in hospital. This has reduced the number of people who may have needed homecare as part of their discharge plan but because it was not available quickly enough, had to move into a short term residential care bed until it could be arranged
- increased investment in the Council's Short Term Assessment and Re-ablement Team (START), alongside a project that is increasing capacity in the service through use of technology, means that more people are now going directly home for their re-ablement support to regain their independent living skills
- in the south of the County, a joint plan is in development with health partners for all the short-term home and accommodation based assessment and re-ablement services that people need to support them home from hospital or avoid an admission. As part of this work, people who would previously have had a short stay at Leivers Court are now able to go into the health led community beds that are provided for people who have higher health needs.

7. Appropriate, alternative, short term re-ablement services are now in place that support local social care and health's principle of 'Home First' after a stay in hospital and overall there is now a greater variety of short term options available to meet older people's needs. There is also sufficient capacity and choice of independent sector residential care for older people in the south of the County.

8. In light of the information provided in this report it is not proposed to change the decision to close Leivers Court in June 2019 and to notify the lead petitioner accordingly.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The option of keeping Leivers Court home is not viable as the building is no longer fully fit for purpose and is not an optimal model of modern care home design in line with what would now be expected under national minimum standards.

10. Also, there is a need to have a diversity of provision in place to both provide appropriate care to people with increasingly complex needs and ensure that people are supported to be as independent as possible, with a focus on reablement and a Home First approach.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) the proposed response to the petitioner, as set out in paragraph 8, is approved and that the lead petitioner is informed accordingly
- 2) the outcome of the Committee's consideration is reported to Full Council.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 25/04/19)

13. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee by virtue of the Constitution.

Financial Comments (DLM 25/04/19)

14. As stated in paragraph 12, there are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Annual Budget 2015/16 - report to County Council on 26th February 2015

Procurement Plan for Short Term and Assessment/ Reablement Beds and next phase of the Care and Support Centre closure programme – report to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee on 14th May 2018

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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Councillor Michael Payne

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