

Fife Health and Social Care Partnership

Care Home Sustainability

Question

- **What impact does the recent announcement of the closure of 12 residential care homes have on your area?**

Within Fife, there are three care homes operated by Bield Care, the decision to close therefore, has an impact on our provision. It has been intimated by Bield Care that a buyer may be sought for the care home in Glenrothes. The remaining two care homes within Dunfermline, will remain within Bield management and therefore there will be an impact on the current residents.

A working group has been established with representatives from key teams within the Health & Social Care Partnership. The initial meeting of the working group took place on 31st October 2017. The remit of the working group is to put in place an action plan to develop local solutions to deal with the closure and potential buy-over of the care homes in Fife.

All residents within the three care homes will be reviewed to ensure that options for their ongoing care needs are considered and factored into the plan when moving to another care service. Reviews should be completed by end of November 2017. Following the completion of the resident's reviews, the working group will re-convene in early December to plan the next stage.

- **Are there concerns regarding the sustainability of residential service provision (in your area)? and, if so, how could they be addressed?**

In Fife, there is on-going development within the private sector, currently a number of new care homes are in construction. We continue to have capacity within care homes although there are areas across Fife that are more popular than others. We have had no other sustainability issues.

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