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### Care Home Sustainability

Please find below our response to the questions you raise in your recent email regarding Care Home Sustainability:

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

Within our area one care home is affected, namely Millfield in Jedburgh, a Bield home with 23 residents. We are currently working with Bield to support them to seek a buyer. If no buyer is found and the home closes we have no obvious capacity to place the existing residents.

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

The void rate in the Scottish Borders is very low, 2-3% on a monthly basis, therefore there is limited turnover and very few placements available. We will need to negotiate with neighbouring Authorities including Northumberland for placements for residents.

I hope this clarifies the current position in the Scottish Borders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert McCulloch-Graham', written over a white background.

Robert McCulloch-Graham  
Chief Officer Health & Social Care

