

South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Care Home Sustainability

Please see below response.

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

There is one Bield residential care home in South Lanarkshire scheduled for closure in July 2018 - Langvout Care Home in Biggar providing support to 12 residents. Social Work staff in the South Lanarkshire Health and Social care partnership (SLH&SCP) have been working alongside Bield in supporting residents and their families, and were in attendance at the resident and relatives meeting held by Bield on 15 November.

All residents now have an allocated social worker and assessment activity is underway to assist in identification of future alternate placement. One resident has now moved to alternate residential care provision and a placement is actively being sourced for another resident with family agreement. From initial profiles of residents it would appear some may require residential care but others may require to move to a nursing home care environment as their needs and dependencies have changed since admission to Bield.

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

Within South Lanarkshire there are currently 50 registered care homes, with one further new build private nursing home Abbeydale Court (109 beds) in Hamilton presently going through registration with the Care Inspectorate. The majority of 24 hour care home provision within South Lanarkshire is that of Nursing Home Care provision, with some limited residential bed provision.

South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care partnership directly manage 8 residential care homes for older people across the 4 localities within South Lanarkshire.

Within South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care partnership 4 locality planning groups have been established – Clydesdale; Hamilton; East Kilbride; Rutherglen/Cambuslang and locality profiling activities are underway in considering the assets and future service demands in each area. In general people are exercising choice to live in and be supported within their own homes with access to community supports. The bigger challenge impacting currently is not sustainability of residential service provision but rather challenges in staff recruitment generally in social care in both local authority and independent sector, particularly in the more rural areas.