

'Disgraceful' care home closure will be fought



Residents and workers face an uncertain future after an abrupt temporarily closure of a care home.

Little warning was given for the pre-bank holiday weekend shutdown of Hazel Garth by Wakefield Council – with staff, residents or their families were left in shock.

Last November a report detailed the urgent need for upgrade works, including new fire doors, and other maintenance reports.



Until work was carried out, Hazel Garth could not accept new residents to its 24-bed residential home. Months of inaction followed, putting residents and staff at risk.

Unions fear the closure could be a cover amongst the ongoing closure of adult social care services across the Borough.

Deanne Ferguson, GMB Organiser said:

"This is a disgraceful way to treat vulnerable residents – and dedicated staff.

"Putting residents' possessions into bin bags, and giving staff no warning, shows a stunning lack of respect. Residents and their families – alongside staff and their trade unions – will fight against the potential mothballing of this loved community residential home.

"Providing quality adult services must be an essential part of any local authority's mission. Our members strive to provide quality care and are not only devastated at the potential impact this has had on residents but also their local community as 80 plus jobs could very soon be at risk.

"We will fight this closure every step of the way."

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