

**Report of the Cabinet Member
Adult Social Care & Health Services**

I have been asked to Report on the following for Full Council on 25 May 2023:

1. By Councillor Hannaford as follows:

On the Abbeyfield Societies 45-day consultation, that was announced this week, on the future of their six residential support units for elderly residents, three of which are in Devon. Specifically. How many residents are in the three Abbeyfield Society homes in Devon?

Where are they located?

What work are we doing to help support the elderly residents and their families?

If they are closed, can we please work with other key stakeholders to ensure that residents can be moved together to preserve their social bonds and supportive friendships?

Response

Situation:

Abbeyfield Society have initiated a public consultation for 45 days looking at the future of three of its services within Devon and some of its services in Cornwall. One outcome of the consultation is for services to close.

Background:

- Integrated Adults Social Care (IASC) was contacted, via Devon's democratic service department, following an enquiry from Cllr Hannaford on the 17th May.
- Integrated Adults Social Care is grateful to Cllr Hannaford as it was until then not aware of the consultation's launch.
- Abbeyfield is a national charity for older people operating mostly housing services including sheltered house and residential accommodation.
- Through investigation, IASC are currently aware of three services affected within the Devon footprint,
 - Lockington Avenue in Plymouth PL3 5QR
 - Dunstone Road in Plymouth, PL9 8SF
 - Trehill Road in Ivybridge. PL21 0AZ
- All services offer sheltered housing accommodation.
- Our systems inform us we have no service users in the Plymouth services.
- We have two people with service agreements in the Ivybridge complex.
- We are aware of fourteen other people in the service, although they are not current service users within Adult Social Care.
- Contact was made to the Abbeyfield company on the 18th May via phone and email. Further email exchanges took place on the 19th May. IASC is currently waiting for one of the Directors to make contact to discuss the situation in more detail.

Analysis:

The greater impact on statutory bodies from any changes to the services is likely to be felt by those bodies with responsibility for housing individuals. In the case of the Ivybridge property this rests with South and West Devon District Council.

Integrated Adult's social care will be able to offer support to meet any eligible social care outcomes that are identified. It is likely that the primary presenting issue will be one of housing should there be changes to the service following the consultation.

Actions:

The following actions have been taken

1. The local Community Health and Social Care team, Care Direct Plus service and our commissioning colleagues have been made aware of the situation.
2. Integrated Adult Social Care has reached out to colleagues in West Devon Council's housing department to ensure they are aware of the situation.
3. Integrated Adult Social Care will continue to pursue communication with the Abbeyfield senior team.

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