

Petition - Patey Centre Cosham (summary)

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Lead petitioner: Mrs Ellie Savidge
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Confirmed signatories: 3675 (via [38 degrees](#) - all electronic)
Officer response: Rob Watt (HoS) on 31 January 2014
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Patey Centre Cosham "Please don't close the Patey Centre Cosham, without providing alternative specialist day care for people with alzheimers and dementia in the north of the City."

- Officer response (31 January 2014)

The City Council is in receipt of a petition regarding the proposed relocation of day services from the Patey Centre to the Royal Albert Centre and as you are the lead petitioner I have been asked to formally respond to you.

The question asked in the petition received is:-

'Please don't close the Patey Centre in Cosham, without providing alternative specialist day care for people with Alzheimer's and dementia in the north of the city'.

Following recent correspondence and meetings held with Carers of those attending the centre, should you wish for this matter to proceed to full Council for consideration, please contact Mr Peter Smith-Parkyn, Local Democracy Assistant, on (023) 9268 8361.

I believe that the reasons for the proposal have been explained at these meetings and through e-mail and exchange of fetters in recent weeks however, I have outlined below reasons for the proposal which are now under consideration.

The building from which the Patey day service operates is part of Edinburgh House, a registered residential care unit for people with dementia, which is scheduled to close in late 22015/early 2016. The proceeds from the disposal of this and other sites will be used toward funding the new dementia care residential home development at East Lodge.

The re-provision of Edinburgh House, along with Hilsea Lodge, forms part of a long standing programme of improvement to residential and nursing home provision in the city. Both of these Portsmouth City Council residential homes do not comply with modern standards and there is limit to the life span of institutional buildings such as Edinburgh House, which was built in 1957.

It was originally envisaged that the day service provided from Edinburgh House would be relocated at the same time of vacating the whole site; however the proposal currently under consideration is to bring forward the relocation into the 2014/15 financial year and to re-provide the service at the Royal Albert Centre Day Service (RAC) for dementia care. This proposal will allow for the same level of service to be provided for those currently attending the Patey Centre whilst at the same time utilising the capacity available and allowing a saving of approximately £100,000 to be made. The saving takes account of the need to provide transport for those current users of the Patey service who require it.

I recognise that there are many concerns about this proposal which have been raised at the meetings held so far and through correspondence with officers and elected members of the council.

Concerns raised so far include: -

- The size of The Royal Albert Centre,
 - Whilst RAC does provide for up to 60 places per day it is also able to make rooms available for smaller groups if so required. In addition it provides a range of facilities such as Hairdressing, Nail Cutting and Bathing if required facilities which are not available at the Patey Day Centre.
- Transport arrangements to RAC for those living in the north of the city.
 - These will be discussed when individual assessments are carried out and as already stated, it is our intention to provide transport for those requiring it.
- Transition arrangements from Patey to RAC -
 - Again, this will be considered on an individual basis and taster days can be arranged if appropriate
- Alternative buildings in the north of the City that could be used for this purpose -
 - We have looked at this in the past, but did not find anything suitable that easily offers security, suitable toileting facilities, disabled access, availability throughout the week and affordability, taking into account running costs of the building and associated costs of care. All of which would possibly negate the amount of savings forecast.
- Could the proposed residential home at East Lodge not have included a day service facility?
 - Those involved in the design for East Lodge have stated that the site would not allow adequate space for a separate day centre, let alone any extra cost incurred. To have it provided it within the main building would have resulted in a reduction in the number of beds available from the 72 beds required, thus incurring extra cost in providing placements elsewhere.

- Reduction in the number of day places available and future demand for dementia care.
 - Although the closure of Patey will mean a reduction in the overall number of day places purchased, it will not reduce the overall number of people receiving a service given the capacity we have available. Current usage of day services over the past three years has reduced and as a result we do need to make best use of the resources we have whilst maintaining services for those who need it most. Should at some future date the need for this type of service increase then we will look again at how and where this could be best provided with the resources we have available.
- Disruption and impact on service users of any relocation.
 - Of course the relocation of any service is disrupting for those involved however a degree of disruption is unavoidable at some stage given the need to move away from the Edinburgh House site.

We have sought a medical opinion from the Clinical Director of Adult Services who believes that 'the impacts of relocation are far higher if it is a move from one 24 hour residence to another, but far lower (almost negligible) if it is just relocation of day care. Individual full assessments should pick any issues with physical needs (mobility aids, railings, specially adapted toilet etc.) as well as mental health needs (any predictable challenging behaviour, managed in a particular way by existing staff), medication administration to ensure full person centred care plans are followed from one setting to another'.

I acknowledge that this is not an exhaustive list of questions raised so far, however it recognises the concerns that some people have about the proposal resulting in the petition now to be considered by councillors.

Yours sincerely
Robert Watt
Head of Adult Social Care

- Full Council decision (response)

Approved minute (Council 15/2014) meeting held on 11 February 2014
<http://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s3368/Council%20Minutes.pdf>

The City Council wishes to thank the petitioners for coming to speak on this issue today.

The Patey Centre is housed within Edinburgh House, which will be demolished next year. The proceeds from the sale of the site will be put into the finance for the new nursing home being built by the city council in Drayton for local people suffering from dementia.

The current service is for 34 people a week and serves on average 10 -12 people per day. The full year cost to tax payers is £160,000 a year (plus the costs of the building such as electricity, water etc) to the provider company.

We understand that there is enough capacity at the Royal Albert Day Centre to provide a similar service for the people receiving a service at the Patey Centre.

The City Council would like to see the development of long term additional day centre services (to be named the Patey Centre if possible) in the north of the city for people with dementia. Therefore if substantial progress has been made in creating this service before the closure of the current Patey Day Centre, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care will explore the possibility of keeping the current Patey Day Centre open for longer, using PCC staff, if there is a gap before the new service is up and running.

We acknowledge that there is capacity at the Royal Albert Day Centre to provide a similar but not like for like service for the people receiving care at the Patey Centre.

The City Council instructs officers to seek an alternative location for the Patey Centre in the north of the city to coincide with the vacation of Edinburgh House and that the Patey remains at Edinburgh House until such time as an alternative location is found.

The Council also instructs officers to work with alternative service provider such as the third sector to try and establish a provider for the dementia care in the north of the city.