

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

**CABINET MEETING – 24 July 2019**

<p><b>1. Linda Phillips</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>With a national crisis in Care in the Community and the NHS and a rise in dementia patients, would the Cabinet please oppose this proposal and save two unique and special care homes with investment in advertising them to fill the few remaining places?</p>	<p>There are rising incidences of dementia – but there’s also much more support for people with this diagnosis to be helped and supported in their own home. We will continue to invest in care homes that are suitable for people with dementia as described in the Cabinet report and our Care Home Strategy.</p>
<p><b>2. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>How many residents at Southfields/Wyatt House currently have a recent (i.e. within the last 6 months) assessment of their care needs?</p>	<p>At Wyatt House, 12 of the 24 GCC funded residents have been assessed and a further 3 are short term placements so will have had a recent assessment.</p> <p>At Southfield House, 10 of the 17 GCC funded residents have been assessed and a further 3 are short term placement and therefore have had a recent assessment.</p>
<p><b>3. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What marketing activities have been undertaken for Southfields in the last 12 months to ensure full occupancy?</p>	<p>The Council is not responsible for marketing or operating Southfields House This question should be asked of OSJCT (Orders of St John Care Trust)</p>
<p><b>4. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>On how many occasions in the last 12 months has Wyatt House been used for respite provision?</p>	<p>Between 01/07/18 and 30/06/19 Wyatt House provided 19 respite placements to 9 individuals, one of these was a Nursing Short Break.</p>
<p><b>5. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p>	<p>Between 01/07/18 and 30/06/19 there have been five new placements made from the NHS. This does not include residents of Wyatt House entering hospital and then returning to the home with</p>

On how many occasions in the last 12 months have individuals been discharged to Wyatt House from Gloucestershire Healthcare Trust?	escalated needs.
<b>6. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b>  What consultation has been undertaken with the attending GP's for Southfields and Wyatt House?	The GPs have recently been engaged in a discussion and a further meeting is planned. No consultation process has yet commenced as this depends on the decision of Cabinet.
<b>7. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b>  What consultation has been undertaken with Gloucestershire HealthWatch?	Evolving Communities who manage HealthWatch have been involved in the engagement process.
<b>8. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b>  What are the works required at Wyatt House? What is the budgeted cost? What would be the expected time frame for these works?	The works would cost £784,000. However, this would still not result in a home fit for purpose to support people with dementia by current standards.  The time frame for completion of such works would be between 12 and 18 months. This includes the scoping of the works, tendering, vacating the building and repatriating residents and staff.
<b>9. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b>  How many vacant dementia nursing care beds are currently available in:  a. Stroud b. Stroud District c. Gloucestershire	We are unable to give an exact number as care homes advertise beds, not the type of bed as the ability to meet need is based on the assessment of the individual. We do however have vacancies in registered nursing homes specialising in dementia.

<p><b>10. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>How many residential care beds are currently available from Order of St John in:</p> <p>a. Stroud b. Stroud District c. Gloucestershire</p>	<p>a. 10, both in Wyatt House and Southfield House b. 9, excluding those in a c. 68, excluding a and b</p>
<p><b>11. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What agreements are currently in place between GCC and free market care providers?</p>	<p>GCC currently has a contract called the “Pre Placement Agreement” (PPA) with 127 care homes (including those managed by Gloucestershire Care Partnership (GCP)) for older people in Gloucestershire. There are 27 homes in Stroud District: 13 residential homes offering a total of 343 beds and 14 nursing homes offering a total of 702 beds.</p> <p>GCC currently has 7 contracts with Extra Care facilities; in 3 of these we have a respite flat in order to promote Housing with Care.</p> <p>In addition to the above are Home Care arrangements relating to Hospital Discharge. There are two Hospital 2 Home contracts, and 3 guaranteed hours’ arrangements to deliver home care in rural Gloucestershire, Tewkesbury, Stroud District and Forest of Dean District. There are 82 providers delivering against the current Home Care DPS (Dynamic Purchasing System) and Disabilities frameworks.</p>
<p><b>12. Sally Powell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What is the furthest distance GCC expect to place residents from their current location?</p>	<p>This will depend on where people want to go to but we anticipate many will want to stay in the Stroud District.</p>

<b>13. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>Given that there is a current shortfall in available beds to accommodate all Southfields and Wyatt House residents according to Council figures, what do GCC expect to do with the excess residents?</p>	<p>There are 77 vacancies currently in the district of Stroud which could accommodate all residents.</p>
<b>14. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What choice regarding alternative provision are residents/relatives/representatives to expect as a minimum should Southfields and/or Wyatt House close?</p> <p>Would families be able to refuse a placement in alternative residential provision should such a home be deemed as “requiring improvement” by the CQC?</p>	<p>Wyatt House is currently CQC rated as “Requires Improvement”. Residents and relatives will be offered a choice of available vacancies, both in the Stroud area and elsewhere. They will be able to make a decision according to CQC reports, visiting the homes and talking with residents and staff.</p>
<b>15. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What guarantees will GCC make regarding future relocated costs to the residents/relatives/representatives?</p>	<p>We will negotiate funding for each placement individually, according to need, as we do with every care home placement. Relocation will be funded by the Council.</p>
<b>16. Sally Powell</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</b></p> <p>What is the expected cost of staff redundancies for both Southfields and Wyatt House?</p>	<p>Redundancy costs for Southfield House have been calculated as £203,000 and Wyatt House as £151,000. These are both dependent on whether staff choose to transfer their OSJCT (Orders of St John Care Trust) employment to another home.</p>