

Borders, Fellside & North Carlisle Community Panel Update on the Cumberland Care Review

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**Health and wellbeing is
at the heart of everything we do**

Our values



Ambitious



Collaborative



Compassionate



Empowering



Innovative

Purpose

- To share the council's vision and proposals for the future of Cumberland Care and specifically for Moot Lodge Residential Care Home in Brampton
- To let you know what this may mean for our staff, residents and visitors
- Explain the process and timescales for the public consultation
- Hear your views and answer any questions you have

Our vision for Cumberland Care

Cumberland Care aims to ensure our services provide sustainable, high-quality care and support for the people of Cumberland. The Council will ensure that services are the right size and shape to meet the demands of our residents now and in the future.

We want residents to be able to access the support they need for themselves and their families, by providing services which maximise independence and provide more specialist and complex care. We will ensure all our residents are treated with dignity and respect.

We want every Cumberland resident to live better, healthier, and more independent lives.



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Our proposals for Cumberland Care

- We want Cumberland Care homes to be good places to live, work and visit.
- We want to be able to provide the support people need now, and in the future, including increased provision of dementia care.
- Modern aids can help the effectiveness and safety of care for staff and for residents.
- The building design at Moot Lodge means it is not possible to achieve these aims.
- On 13 February 2024 the council's Executive agreed to launch a public consultation regarding the potential closure of Moot Lodge.

How does this affect staff, residents and visitors

- The building design at Moot Lodge limits what we can do to provide care in line with modern standards.
- Mechanical aids such as ceiling hoists cannot be installed, leading to additional staffing required in the home.
- Moot Lodge has limited safe outside space, making it difficult to offer regular access to fresh air and exercise and a quiet outdoor space away from others (particularly significant when caring for those with dementia).
- It is unlikely that we can adapt the building to achieve these aims.
- If the closure of Moot Lodge is approved, staff will be offered alternative employment in nearby services, and we will work with residents and their families to find good alternative care and support that meets their needs and wishes.

Moot Lodge

- Built in the 1960s, Moot Lodge can accommodate up to 18 people (currently home to 14 residents)
- Communal areas are modest and split over multiple levels, resulting in regular intervention for those who need manual assistance to move between floors.



- Parking and outside space is limited, with steps to the building a challenge for those with physical disabilities
- The bedrooms lack ensuite facilities

Alternative provision

- Eskdale House, Longtown – recently refurbished to provide dementia care.
- Burnrigg Court, Carlisle – purpose built in 2019.
- Independent provision in Brampton such as Greenlane House and Howard Court.



- The council will work with residents to ensure they are placed in appropriate alternative provision to meet their care needs and their personal preferences.



Consultation process

- A formal public consultation was launched on 26 February 2024. It is due to run until 23 May 2024.
- The council wishes to seek feedback from residents, their families and the public.
- Care assessments will be undertaken to understand the needs of each resident and their preferences.
- Independent advocacy is being provided to the residents by People First.
- Healthwatch Cumberland are providing independent support to assist the community to respond to the consultation.
- Once the consultation is closed the responses will be analysed and a recommendation will be made to the Executive for decision (likely July 2024).
- If the decision is taken to close Moot Lodge, a formal staff consultation will follow.

Timescales

| Activity | Timeline |
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| Approval by Executive to launch consultation | 13 February 2024 |
| Public consultation process commences | 26 February 2024 (runs until 23 May 2024) |
| Public drop-in event at Brampton Community Centre | 05 March 2024 – 2:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Presentation to Borders, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel meeting | 27 March 2024 – 6pm |
| Consultation responses analysed to form recommendation to Executive | End of May and throughout June |
| Recommendation considered by Executive | July 2024 (Executive meeting dates to be confirmed) |
| Formal staff consultation* | 30 days |
| Residents are relocated and staff redeployed* | From September 2024 onwards |

*Subject to recommendation



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Questions

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say>