

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
PART II

**293. TRANSFORMING ADULT SOCIAL CARE: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE THROUGH MODERNISATION OF CARE AND SUPPORT**

1. On 25 May 2012, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved proposals to consult on the future of three residential care homes for older people: Addenbrooke in Gosport; Thurlston House in Fleet; and Cornerways in Winchester. The associated day services - the Lutman day centre in Gosport and the Kings Worthy day centre in Winchester - are also included in the consultation. The proposals also include investing in extending two of the County Council's modern care homes to provide additional rooms which will be able to support people with higher levels of need. These are Westholme in Winchester and Oakridge in Basingstoke.

2. Older people are choosing to stay in a home of their own for longer, and often move directly into nursing care. When people do enter residential care, they have more complex needs than in the past. The design of the older homes makes it difficult to meet these needs, as they have poor access, small bedrooms, and lack en-suite facilities.

3. The County Council is committed to investing in high quality, personalised and sustainable services which will meet the needs and expectations of older people in the future, and to developing new forms of care to support people at home for longer. As such, the County Council is investing in Extra-Care Housing, and expanding the provision of nursing and specialist residential care for those with dementia.

4. Following an extensive 12 week consultation, during which the views of residents, their families, staff at the homes and a range of other stakeholders will be sought, a further report will return to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care in September 2012 with the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations for the future of these services. The decision on the future of the homes will be dependent on the provision of quality alternative care provision in the local area to meet the needs of the current residents and those who will need care in the future.

5. Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Transforming Adult Social Care: Improving outcomes for older people through modernisation of care and support (3772)

**294. ROLL-OUT OF VILLAGE AGENTS PROGRAMME**

1. On the 25 May 2012, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved the funding of a grant to Age Concern Hampshire to fund a three-year Village Agent initiative across Hampshire.

2. The Village Agents will bridge the gap between local communities and statutory and voluntary organisations by providing older people and their families with information and support tailored to the needs of individuals, for example meals on wheels, blue badge applications, community transport, befriending schemes, Better Balance for Life exercise classes, silver surfer schemes to help with IT, as well as Home Safety checks thanks to training from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

3. The £170,000 grant will enable Age Concern Hampshire to train up to 45 new volunteers over the next three years. This in addition to money that is awarded to Age Concern for a county wide telephone information service.

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- Roll-Out of Village Agents Programme (3901)

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