

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
PART II

**222. CHERRY ORCHARD RESIDENTIAL HOME, ANDOVER**

1. On the 23 September 2011, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved the closure of Cherry Orchard Residential Home in Andover.

2. The decision was made following extensive consultation with residents and their families in light of the costs to fully refurbish the home to an adequate level. It was also considered that there were alternative suitable residential homes in Andover that would better meet the needs of individuals.

3. The Executive Member visited Cherry Orchard Residential Home before making the decision, and noted the difficulties the layout of the building and room sizes presented in terms of delivering suitable care, especially for those with increasing frailty. To bring the building and its facilities up to modern standards, including increasing room sizes and installing en-suites, would have cost up to £3m and the building would only be able to accommodate 26 residents.

4. The County Council operates a 36 bed residential home, Copper Beeches, and a 66 bedded nursing home in Andover and in addition commissions beds in several local privately run residential and nursing homes. In order to avoid compulsory redundancies the Council is striving to ensure suitable alternative posts are identified for staff currently at Cherry Orchard across the range of its services.

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:

- Cherry Orchard Residential Home, Andover (search item reference 3004)

**223. LEARNING DISABILITY GRANTS 2011/12**

1. On the 23 September, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved grant funding totalling £280,230, including £161,370 to Choices Advocacy to support people with learning difficulties through consultation and transformation of services

2. Funding was also given to the following organisations:

HARG	£30,000
Carers Together	£30,000
First Steps New Forest	£8,000
Kingsley Organisation	£6,000
Eastleigh and Romsey MENCAP	£5,000
The Café Project Basingstoke	£14,560
Eastleigh and Romsey MENCAP (Safer Places)	£5,000
Connect Advocacy	£5,000

East Hants Advocacy	£10,300
Winchester and District MENCAP	£5,000

3. The grants will promote social wellbeing by supporting early intervention and prevention services to be delivered and helping support people with learning disabilities to be more independent. The grants shall also improve cohesion and inclusivity among local communities.

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- Learning Disability Grants 2011/12, (Search item reference 3201)

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