

Press Release

**From Councillor Barry Stamp
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Call For More Information For Families Affected By Homes Closure

A leading Stafford Councillor has today joined the growing unrest over the proposal by Staffordshire County Council to close 22 old people's homes.

Stafford Borough Council's Liberal Democrat Group Leader Barry Stamp said he was appalled that residents of the homes and their families had be left in the dark over the proposals, which was causing untold stress and worry to everyone involved.

"Since the news that the County Council are to close their 22 residential homes I have been contacted by a number of local residents who are concerned for the future well being of their family members. It is clear that while they have been told that the homes are to close they have not been given any details of what will happen to their loved ones when this happens. This has left many people feeling isolated, lost, and abandoned. Talking to one local resident, who's elderly mother is a resident of Foxwalls in Stafford it is clear that the residents and the staff of that home are deeply upset and worried. To make the announcement about the closures but then give no indication of what service will be provided instead is unacceptable. While meeting are being arranged at the homes over the coming weeks to give residents and their families more information the delay is unacceptable. The County Council seems to have forgotten they are dealing with human beings who right deserve to know what is happening. At the moment all that they have is rumours, which certainly does not help the situation. I would certainly urge the County Council to get this information out to everyone involved as soon as possible. Surely as they were making these plans they could have thought at least about sending a letter to everyone involved setting out their plans and giving some details of what alternative provision they are planning to provide," said Cllr Stamp.

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