

Questions asked of Cheshire East Cabinet, on 05 March 2012, on behalf of Knutsford Area For Knutsford Action:

Given that the Full Council – because of the lack of background documents – has not yet had the opportunity to accurately proceed with a full Debate, in respect of the closure of social care services in Knutsford; nor has the Bexton Court closure gone for Scrutiny nor Public Consultation:

1.a. In view of the current situation, where the old of the Knutsford Area who are in need either as Service Users or as Carers (or both) of Day and or Respite Services, what plans does Cheshire East have to satisfy those needs, within the ambit of that Knutsford area?

1.b. What Plans does Cheshire East have to overcome the currently insurmountable problem, in that there is NO suitable Day or Respite care available within the commercial sector, since that sector's imperative is for full beds, and not for Respite of hard-pressed carers?

1.c. How many people, who live in the Knutsford area, currently need Day and Respite Services

i) as service Users

ii) as Carers

Can you please split down the reply to separate out the need for Respite from the need for ongoing Day Care.

1.d. Where does that Day and Respite Care currently take place, for those people who live in the Knutsford area?

1.e. What arrangements are currently made to ensure that Carers can oversee the care received by those service users for whom they care?

1.f. What Arrangements has Cheshire East made, to ensure that it complies with legislation in respect of care for the elderly, frail, vulnerable, disabled and demented?

1.g. What arrangements has Cheshire East made to ensure that it complies with legislation in respect of Carers needs?

1.h. When will Cheshire East reopen at least one facility for Day and Respite Care of the elderly, within Knutsford, to take the place of the three facilities which were closed down 18 months ago?

1.i. What private arrangement has Cheshire East made with the NHS, in order to refuse service to the old, ill, frail, demented and vulnerable of the Knutsford area?

1.j. These questions urgently need positive responses, so that the old, all of whom are potentially both service users and carers, can be assured that this Council is not taking their hard earned money in vain.

2. Can Cheshire East assure Learning Disabled Service Users and their Carers that The Stanley Centre will remain open and have its facilities upgraded to currently expected standards, as a result of the proposed removal of the Stanley House rooms from its ambit? An estimated time frame would be useful; as would an assurance that there will not be any closure of that facility, even for a short time