

## The Consultation on The Future of the Eight Older People's Residential Care Homes Run by Surrey County Council

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### Frequently Asked Questions – General

- 1. Is there an option to increase nursing beds under social care funding?** The local authority cannot provide health services such as nursing care unless in partnership with other agencies. There is currently no intention within Surrey County Council to operate nursing homes.
- 2. Could a home be re-registered as a nursing home to meet some of the changing needs of the residents within the refurbishment project?** Re-registering one or more of the homes as nursing homes could potentially be looked at in partnership with others. However, Surrey County Council does not have any plans to operate nursing services.
- 3. Do any of the homes have "priority" as no longer fit for purpose?** None of the homes are currently unfit for purpose but we do have concerns about the buildings and the infrastructure and that is why we have held the consultation. If the decision was made to close one or more of the homes, then we would use a variety of factors to decide in which order homes would be closed. These factors would include building issues, number of residents and the availability of alternative provision.

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