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# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## on the modernisation of Residential Care for older people

The **Consultation starts** on: **12th DECEMBER 2022**  
and will **close at 5pm** on: **27th JANUARY 2023**

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where you can find out the detail of the proposals. If you require further  
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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

## **Introduction**

In December 2022, proposals for the modernisation of the Council's Residential Care Homes were considered by the Council's Cabinet and it was agreed that public consultation on the preferred options be carried out during the period **12th December 2022 to 27th January 2023**.

The details of the Cabinet's preferred options for the Council's Residential Care Homes are outlined within this booklet. The Council invites you to submit your views, in addition to any comments that you may have on the preferred options, as well as any alternative options or changes you wish to be considered to the proposal.

**Please take this opportunity to have your say.**



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## Background

Modernising and improving its adult care provision is a key Council priority. This is important due to an ageing population, lower demand for 'traditional' care homes and changing expectations of people to remain at home in their local communities for as long as possible. The Council believes people should be able to access residential care accommodation which is modern and meets their needs. As a Council, we have a duty to reflect on our current model and ask ourselves whether we think it reflects the needs and aspirations of not only our current population, but the generations to come.

A Council commitment to modernise accommodation with care options, for older people, including residential care was approved in 2016, while a £50m investment plan to provide 300 Extra Care beds in Rhondda Cynon Taf was agreed in 2017.

Extra Care delivers modern accommodation to meet the needs and changing expectations of the growing older population, allowing them to live as independently as possible in their own homes. They are modern, built-for-purpose buildings, catering for a range of needs.

Extra Care residents also receive targeted on-site support for their assessed needs, in an environment which provides an alternative to a care home. This care and support is available 24/7 for the residents. Extra Care facilities also give the opportunity to provide dedicated day services for older people, as well as a community resource providing community opportunities.

Two new modern, state of the art, Extra Care Housing schemes have been opened in partnership with Linc Cymru in Aberaman and Pontypridd in May 2020 and December 2021 respectively, delivering 100 new beds.

In July 2022, Ystrad Fechan Care Home was temporarily closed, and 10 new beds were provided at Parc Newydd Care Home, to support hospital discharge. This change, in response to falling occupancy rates and immediate pressures in the care sector, ensured residents continued to access quality support and care. As a direct result, occupancy levels at other Council care homes increased as the affected residents were supported to access suitable alternative provision.

In December 2022, Cabinet considered and determined to consult on major proposals to invest and modernise residential care services in Rhondda Cynon Taf—including three new facilities offering Extra Care and residential dementia care, a fourth new accommodation for adults with learning disabilities, and the retention of five Council care homes.

## Current Position

The Council runs nine residential care homes offering 267 beds making it one of the largest Local Authority providers in Wales. It has had an increasing surplus of beds over many years – with 184 beds vacant as of November 2022, rising from just eight vacant beds in 2016. It is unlikely that demand for residential care will increase substantially in the near future. Overall, the Council currently has 60% of its residential care beds occupied, and a third of its care homes have at least one in two beds empty.

An independent review found that none of the nine Council care home buildings can be sufficiently refurbished to meet modern standards. It also found that only three of the nine Council's care home locations would be suitable for a new-build provision. In each of those three homes, it would be necessary for the current residents living in these homes to move to alternative accommodation on a temporary basis for a period at least up to 18 months, whilst the building work was undertaken.

## Preferred Options

Following the review of the Council's Residential Care Homes for older people, five preferred options are being consulted upon.

These preferred options focus on preventative services, choice, independence, well-being and future needs. The proposals would increase options for people who need accommodation and care and offer a viable alternative for those able to remain independent with support in their local communities.

The options on which Cabinet have determined to consult upon are set out below:

### **OPTION 1: Retain the current service provision at five current Council care homes.**

This includes- Clydach Court in Trealaw, Pentre House in Pentre, Tegfan in Trecynon, Cae Glas in Hawthorn and Parc Newydd in Talbot Green.

### **OPTION 2: New accommodation with 40 Extra Care apartments and 20 residential dementia beds in Treorchy.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru and the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. It would be located on land near the existing Ystrad Fechan Care Home. The care home is currently temporarily closed with no residents living there and would be permanently decommissioned.

**OPTION 3: New accommodation with 20 Extra Care apartments and 10 residential dementia beds in Ferndale.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru. It would be located on land near the existing Ferndale House Care Home. The care home would be decommissioned when the new accommodation is developed.

**OPTION 4: New accommodation with 25 Extra Care apartments and 15 residential dementia beds in Mountain Ash.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru. It would be located on land near the existing Troedyrhiw Care Home. The home would be decommissioned when the new accommodation is developed.

**OPTION 5: New accommodation with care to support people with learning disabilities in adulthood, in Church Village.**

This would be achieved by redeveloping the existing Garth Olwg Care Home. The care home would be decommissioned when suitable placements are found for its residents, in a home of their choice which meets their assessed needs.

## **What happens next?**

It must be stressed that no decisions have yet been taken other than to begin a consultation. The consultation runs for 7 weeks, so there's plenty of time for people to have their say. Those directly affected and their carers will be offered support to make sure that they have the opportunity to know what the proposals are about and have the chance to comment on them. All views will be taken into account before a report goes back to the Council's Cabinet for a final decision to be made.

# QUESTIONNAIRE - Residential Care

Please read the full detail in the information pack before taking the survey.

**All completed questionnaires must be returned by 5pm on 27th January 2023.**

## How we use your personal information:

The legal basis for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) processing your information under data protection law is due to a legal obligation to consult on service changes. Responses are confidential and anonymised in the final report. To find out more about how we use your information, please see the Consultation and Residential Care Service (Adults) privacy notices and the Council's data protection policy or contact the Consultation Team – [consultation@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@rctcbc.gov.uk)

This Questionnaire asks you to think about the residential care home provision delivered internally by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council as part of shaping the future long-term care it commissions for older people. We would like your views on the proposed preferred options identified regarding the future of the Council's internal Residential Care Home provision.

### Q1. Are you a:

Resident of a Council Residential Care Home, please indicate which one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ystrad Fechan<br>(currently staying at Pentre House) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tegfan      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pentre House   | <input type="checkbox"/> Troedyrhiw  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clydach Court  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cae Glas    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferndale House                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garth Olwg  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parc Newydd |

Relative/partner/friend of a resident in a Council Residential Care Home

Advocate for a resident

Member of the public

Staff member

Other (please state): .....

### Q2. Do your views relate to any care home in particular, please indicate which one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ystrad Fechan<br>(currently staying at Pentre House) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tegfan      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pentre House   | <input type="checkbox"/> Troedyrhiw  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clydach Court  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cae Glas    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferndale House                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garth Olwg  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parc Newydd |

## Recommended Preferred Options for Consultation.

The preferred option proposals include **all five options below**:

### **OPTION 1: Retaining the current service provision at five current Council care homes:**

- Clydach Court in Trealaw
- Pentre House in Pentre
- Tegfan in Trecynon
- Cae Glas in Hawthorn
- Parc Newydd in Talbot Green.

**Q3.** Do you agree with option 1?    **Yes**  (agree)    **No**  (disagree)    **Don't Know**

**Q4.** If no, why do you disagree?

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**Q5.** How would the recommended proposal impact upon you or your family?

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### **OPTION 2: Providing a new accommodation with 40 Extra Care apartments and 20 residential dementia beds in Treorchy.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru and the health board. It would be located on land near Ystrad Fechan Care Home. The care home is temporarily closed with no residents and would be permanently decommissioned.

**Q6.** Do you agree with option 2?    **Yes**  (agree)    **No**  (disagree)    **Don't Know**

**Q7.** If no, why do you disagree?

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**Q8.** How would the recommended proposal impact upon you or your family?

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**OPTION 3: Providing a new accommodation with 20 Extra Care apartments and 10 residential dementia beds in Ferndale.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru. It would be located on land near the existing Ferndale House Care Home. The care home would be decommissioned when the new facility is developed.

**Q9.** Do you agree with option 3?    **Yes**  (agree)    **No**  (disagree)    **Don't Know**

**Q10.** If no, why do you disagree?

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**Q11.** How would the recommended proposal impact upon you or your family?

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**OPTION 4: Providing a new accommodation with 25 Extra Care apartments and 15 residential dementia beds in Mountain Ash.**

This development would be explored with Linc Cymru. It would be located on land near the existing Troedyrhiw Care Home. The home would be decommissioned when the new facility is developed.

**Q12.** Do you agree with option 4?    **Yes**  (agree)    **No**  (disagree)    **Don't Know**

**Q13.** If no, why do you disagree?

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**Q14.** How would the recommended proposal impact upon you or your family?

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### About you

**Q19.** Age: ..... **Q20.** Postcode: .....

**Q21.** Under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duties, the Council has a legal duty to look at how its decisions impact on people because they may have particular characteristics.

How would these proposals affect you because of? Gender, Age, Ethnicity, Disability, Sexuality, Religion / belief, Gender identity, Relationship status, Pregnancy, Preferred language.

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**Q22.** Under The Welsh Language Measure 2011 and Welsh Language Standards the Council has a legal duty to look at how its decisions impact on the Welsh Language.

Please let us know:

How you feel the proposals could impact opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language (Positive or Negative) and if in any way it treats the Welsh Language less favourably than the English Language?

How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be decreased?

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**Q23.** Have you ever, or are you currently, serving in the Armed Forces?

**Yes**  **No**  **Prefer not to say**

**If you are happy to be contacted further to discuss your response, please tick the box:**

I am happy to be contacted  I am not happy to be contacted

Name: .....

Email / Telephone number:.....

### Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

Please click on 'Submit' to complete the questionnaire online or if you are filling out a paper copy, please post it to:

**Freepost RSBU-HJUK-LSSS,**  
Research & Consultation,  
The Pavilions, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX

Alternatively, please give us your general views via:  
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