

DEPUTATION FOR ADULT CARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012

This deputation is brought on behalf of staff working within the Adult Learning Disability Accommodation Service and UNISON on behalf of its' affected members.

Staff are extremely concerned that the proposal (Option 1) to close some of the homes and move service users to other units will be extremely detrimental to the health and well-being of those adults who will be moved should this option to agreed. UNISON shares these concerns plus the concern that the challenging behaviour of these adults with learning disabilities will escalate due to the changes and potentially cause problems for our members, i.e. risk of physical injury.

Staff (and some families that UNISON has had contact with) believe that the best option is for these homes to remain open and for the service to be expanded which is one of the other possible options to consider. Whilst appreciating that this would not make the savings envisaged at the time of the budget being set (total of £800,000 over the two years), those of us involved in this campaign believe that these service users, probably the most vulnerable adults in the City, should be protected from such a move. A future expansion of the service needs to be thoroughly thought out and given serious consideration to avoid further proposals for closure continuing in the years to come.

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