

CABINET – 8 DECEMBER 2016

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

Written Response to Question 41 not reached at the meeting

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People

Question: “Why has there been a “delay in transitioning to new settings” in Southdown and Welldon and “delays in building redesign” in Bedford House, and what is the amount “to be mitigated through the ASC budget”?”

Written Response: All residents from Southdown, Welldon Crescent and 26 Harrow View completed their respective moves to new accommodation in August 2016. The person centred process adopted ensured that everyone was fully involved from the outset and that smooth a transition was experienced by all. The people affected reported positive outcomes including the fulfilment of personal aspirations of securing long term tenancies for a home of their own.

With regards to Bedford House, the families and service users of Roxborough Park, Bedford House residential and respite service have been fully informed and consulted on the proposals. This has meant giving the necessary attention to detail to ensure that Bedford House is adapted to offer the highest standards of accommodation.

There are many considerations in this process that have meant slippage on the time frame including planning and conservation timescales that need to run their course together with the complexities of the logistics of moving people and identifying interim respite resources.

Although there is a delay, again as with the previous transition, we need to be mindful of balancing pressures with the wellbeing of the individuals affected by such a significant change. It is reassuring to know that the individuals and families involved have expressed their satisfaction with the process thus far.

As a result of ‘the above’ there is an impact on the budget. The total pressure is £280k and we will manage this through the overall adults mitigating action including spending

controls and review of staffing to seek to manage the overall position where possible.