

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 10 JANUARY 2022

Report title: Minnie Kidd House: (i) background of closure and (ii) future use of asset

Wards: All

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care (job-share): Councillor Jim Dickson and Councillor Lucy Caldicott

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REPORT SUMMARY

Following the presentation on care home provision and delivery in Lambeth to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) in July 2012, this report provides an update on one recommendation specifically on the circumstances of the closure of Minnie Kidd House in February 2021.

FINANCE SUMMARY

None arising directly as a result of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the content of this report with two attached appendices

1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 At its meeting of 14 July 2021, Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) considered a report on care home provision in Lambeth. At the meeting, there were a number of recommendations made including a request for a further report on the circumstances regarding the transfer of residents from Minnie Kidd House to new care placements due to fire safety issues. The appendices attached detail the background and processes involved in moving the people residing in the unit to new placements when the building failings were identified.
- 1.2 All of the 13 remaining residents were eligible for Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funding and have routine reviews of their care packages as part of that support so whilst the reports focus on the immediate actions during the closure, ongoing oversight by services continues. As have been raised, there are families still concerned and distressed by the closure of Minnie Kidd House, but there are others who have settled successfully in their new placements and found the replacement homes well meet their needs.
- 1.3 There has been a particular focus on the closure of Minnie Kidd House though there was another care home closure, the Laurels Care Home with 18 remaining residents, as well in the last 12 months. All reasonable attempts will be made to avoid any other care homes shutting but lessons learned from both experiences will be built in to managing any further situations in the future.
- 1.4 A further recommendation from OSC requested a single point of contact for people in Lambeth, accessible to anyone, irrespective of what support they may be entitled to from health and social care services. The contact point is available at: <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/adult-social-care-health/contact-adult-social-care-team> and further work has been completed to make the front door more responsive for any initial enquiries. A review of information and guidance on the website will be completed in the last quarter of the year, in line with timescales for the OSC recommendations.

2. PROPOSAL AND REASONS

- 2.1 The Committee recommended that an update on Minnie Kidd House be provided at a future meeting. This is included as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

3. FINANCE

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. LEGAL AND DEMOCRACY

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. For context, local authorities have a duty under section 5 of the Care Act 2014 to promote the efficient and effective operation of a market in services for meeting care and support needs with a view to ensuring that any person in its area wishing to access services in the market (a) has a variety of providers to choose from who (taken together) provide a variety of services; (b) has a variety of high quality services to choose from; and (c) has sufficient information to make an informed decision about how to meet the needs in question (section 5(1)). In arranging for the provision by persons other than it of services for meeting care and support needs, a local authority must have regard to the importance of promoting the well-being of adults in its area with needs for care and support and the well-being of carers in its area (section 5(4)).
- 4.2 There are no additional comments from Democratic Services.

5. CONSULTATION AND CO-PRODUCTION

- 5.1 The first appendix to this report sets out the process and all the stages of communication and engagement with former residents and their families prior to closure of Minnie Kidd House. The appendix outlines advice sought from the Consultation Institute on this matter.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The consideration given on the impacts on the former residents and their family members is set out in appendix 1 of this report, the history and processes of the closure of Minnie Kidd House.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

- 9.1 Not applicable.

Health

- 9.2 This report demonstrates the outcomes of partnership working in particularly difficult circumstances to best consider and meet the needs of people who were residents in Minnie Kidd House in line with the approach outlined in the *Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.

Corporate Parenting

- 9.3 Not applicable.

Staffing and accommodation

- 9.4 Not applicable.

Responsible Procurement

- 9.5 Not applicable.

Good Quality Jobs with Fair Pay and Decent Working Conditions

- 9.6 Not applicable.

Quality Apprenticeships, targeted Employment for Lambeth residents and Lambeth Priority Group

- 9.7 Not applicable.

Reduce Emissions: Lambeth Council has a commitment to being Zero Carbon by 2030

- 9.8 Not applicable.

- 9.9 Not applicable.

Positive Health and Wellbeing

- 9.10 Not applicable.

Other Offers (Innovation)

9.11 Not applicable.

10. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

10.1 Not applicable.

AUDIT TRAIL

Name and Position/Title	Lambeth Directorate	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in paragraph:
Councillor Lucy Caldicott	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care	01.12.21	06.12.21	
Councillor Jim Dickson	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care	01.12.21	06.12.21	
Andrew Eyres, Strategic Director	Integrated Health and Care	01.12.21	08.12.21	
Pete, Hesketh, Assistant Director (Finance)	Finance and Property	01.12.21	03.12.21	
David Thomas, Contracts Lawyer (Legal Services)	Legal and Governance	01.12.21	03.12.21	
Maria Burton, Democratic Services	Legal and Governance	01.12.21	01.12.21	

REPORT HISTORY

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Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?	No
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Date first appeared on forward plan	N/A
Key decision reasons	4. Not applicable.
Background information	Overview and Scrutiny, 14 July 2021, item three: Care Home Provision and Delivery in Lambeth
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Minnie Kidd House (MKH): background to closure Appendix 2 - Minnie Kidd House (MKH): proposed approach for the asset/building