

Information

for County Councillors

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| To: | All County Councillors, Executive Members & SLT |
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Priory Court Care Home (Burnham-On-Sea)

The Local Authority has been formally notified of a strategic decision taken by the CEO of Country Court Care Homes Ltd to close Priory Court in Burnham-on-Sea. Priory Court is a residential care home providing personal care and support to older people, people with dementia and people with a physical disability. There are currently 30 residents within the home, 23 of which are funded by the Local Authority.

In response to findings at a previous CQC inspection (published September 2021), the provider amended their registration and ceased providing nursing care in October 2021, with the transfer of residents supported by the Local Authority. The service had been in special measures since September 2021 but a follow-up inspection (March 2022) found the provider had demonstrated that improvements had been made and therefore was lifted out of special measures. The overall rating for the service changed from 'inadequate' to 'good' based on the findings of this inspection. [Priory Court Care Home - Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk)

We have been informed that residents, relatives and staff are to be informed today of the closure plans, with the provider aiming to have closed the Home by 2 November 2022. The Local Authority's Quality Assurance Team will now implement its established business closure process in partnership with the care provider, the Care Quality Commission and other stakeholders. Work will be commencing to ensure the safe and smooth transfer of residents to alternative Homes of their choice wherever possible, where their care and support needs can be met.

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