

# Information

for County Councillors

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To:	All County Councillors, Executive Members & SLT
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## **Westcare (Somerset) Ltd – Residential Care Home Closures**

The Local Authority has been formally notified that the CEO of Churchlake Care Group and Partners of their strategic decision to put Westcare (Somerset) Ltd into administration. Notice will be given for all residents living within the following affected Residential Homes in the Mendip and Sedgemoor areas of the county:

- [Avalon Court \(Glastonbury\)](#)
- [The Tudors \(Glastonbury\)](#)
- [Beech Tree House \(Somerton\)](#)
- [Friarn House \(Bridgwater\)](#)

We understand the impact this news will have on affected residents, relatives and staff and concerns this will raise. The Council has a statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to ensure the care and support needs of all service users can continue to be met in the event of an immediate business failure by a regulated care provider in Somerset. We have started working in partnership with the administrators, Care Quality Commission (CQC) and other relevant stakeholders to progress our well-established Home Closure response activity and align our activity. Our work will include convening resident and relatives' meetings to outline next steps and options, and sourcing alternative suitable provision for residents. The administrators will be making contact with affected staff and residents/relatives early next week.

The affected Care Homes have recently been visited by County Council staff and the CQC as part of wider quality assurance and review activity following the wider issues affecting the Churchlake Care Group locally since early July 2022.

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