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**Re: Siegen Manor Residential Home, Morley Leeds**

Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the closure of Siegen Manor in Morley and would ask you to reconsider your decision.

My mum [REDACTED] went into Siegen 2 years ago, prior to that she lived with my brother who was her carer but sadly in 2013 my brother died, I was working full time and lived further away but tried to visit mum and stay with her as much as I could, I got in touch with Social Services and someone came in 4 times a day but mum deteriorated quickly, she wouldn't eat what they did for her (she would throw it away when they had gone) she was getting mixed up with tablets (i.e. taking the wrong amounts from the pill box). She started going out and forgetting where she lived and leaving the doors open at home and the gas on or something on the hob or in the oven and forgetting about it. She had numerous falls which ended up with her being in hospital for long periods to the point where the hospital started asking questions about her well being and Social Services got involved. I was staying with her and visiting as much as I could but it got to breaking point.

She started to get very afraid and was seeing things and ended up in a room in complete darkness and with the fire on full. We got in touch with the emergency services and a team came to assess her and she was taken to Siegen for rehabilitation and assessment. After a lot of tests and assessment she was diagnosed with Dementia and Vascular Disease. It was also decided (after much agonising) that mum should go into permanent residential care. We looked at 5 private care homes in Morley none of which my mum liked (some she wouldn't even go in the door) and her main complaint was that they were all old buildings, dark and dismal and are not up to standard they need repair and don't all have En suite rooms. She asked the question why couldn't she stay where she was (Siegen), we had a meeting and it was decided that yes mum could live at Siegen.

The staff at Siegen have been wonderful, she fully trusts them and feels safe. The staff have made my mum very happy in her surroundings yes she has good days and bad days but she always knows and trusts the staff. To even think about moving her is making the whole family distraught.

I also attach a letter from her GP which shows his concerns about her moving.

Please could you now listen to the families, friends & carers and keep these homes open. These very vulnerable people need stability and need to be safe the very nature of their disease means they have to have continuity with people they trust. If mum had to move she would deteriorate rapidly, we have to think about these peoples' human rights.

Kind regards  
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