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Dear Councillors,

My wife ■ was diagnosed with Alzheimers about three years ago because of her failing memory, but it was not serious at this point.

In September 2014 she fell and broke her arm and this seemed to trigger the onrush of her condition.

She began to get up at hourly intervals through the night claiming to need the toilet but nobody needs the toilet so often.

This began to affect me as I was being deprived of my sleep and it began to also affect my health. Some years earlier I had suffered a heart attack and I was about to have a heart by-pass operation, so my health became critical in my ability to care for my wife.

In May 2015 she went into The Grange, Seacroft, for three days respite, whilst I worked a ten hour shift for the elections and in July she had a weeks respite also in The Grange.

My experience of the Grange was not good. On the first occasion they tried to charge me twice for a trip to the Cricketers and on the second I had to complain that in spite of being given strict instructions by my daughter they failed to ensure that ■ was correctly dressed in her underwear.

Before ■ went into care I had no help from any outside body or agency and I had to cope on my own as there is no-one else living in our household.

■ is as happy as she can be living away from her family and I am overjoyed at the care and attention she gets from the staff at The Green.

Regards

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