

We hereby ask that the decision to close Hayward House Daycare is reversed. We believe the decision to close has been taken by persons with no expertise in end of life palliative care, and is based purely on financial considerations. There has been a total disregard of patients, their families and loved ones, who have not even been consulted on the closure.

Daycare is not only a social service; it is fundamentally a top class front line medical service. Patients are seen by a specialist medical team of doctors and consultants who are experienced in the management of patients' crises. As so much treatment can be done during daycare, GP and inpatient visits are reduced, which must result in monumental savings to the NHS. Daycare has direct links to all hospital and community services. Hayward House daycare not only offers a tremendous range of treatments in a dignified and compassionate environment, it is also vital in allowing carers a little respite.

Closing daycare is a total betrayal of every doctor, nurse, volunteer and other worker, all of whom strive to ensure that patients live what little life they have left being supported in an expert, compassionate way. There are around 5,000 patient visits every year in daycare.

We hereby call on those responsible for taking the decision to close this vital service to repeal this closure and to ensure a future for Hayward House daycare.

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