

Dear Gwenda Thomas.

I am a member of the committee "Save Park Avenue Day Centre" Aberystwyth, and also lead name of e-Petition "Day Centre for the elderly in Wales to be made statutory". (Welsh Assembly Petitions). Start date 07/03/2013. I am writing as an individual.

Could it be ensuring that the vulnerable elderly have cooked hot meals and able to escape the 4 walls?. Many people are now missing out on these services since the criteria to enable the elderly to attend Day Centres has risen to "critical" and "substantial".

Could there be an Independent Inspector to monitor Day Centres throughout Wales?

Could the money, set aside for respite care by Councils, meant for unpaid Carers, be ring-fenced? (preferably electrified)!

Could Day Centres for the elderly be open for longer hours? 9.30a.m - 4.30; this would enable the unpaid Carers to seek employment, and the older unpaid Carer to rest.

Could Palliative care be provided closer to home? Could Cottage Hospitals be used? (Tregaron Hospital is due to close). (Beacon of Hope is closed) Could assessment of needs of the elderly patient take place earlier ensuring their needs are met immediately?. (not put on long waiting lists).

Could County Council Homes be extended so as to accommodate these elderly patients, on early release from Hospital, giving them time to recuperate before returning home.

Could Dementia patients be treated nearer to home? - some Aberystwyth patients are in a Home at Cardigan.

Could there be a Geriatric Ward? at all Hospitals (Rheidol Ward at Bronglais) has closed.

Dementia (Enlli Ward) has closed.

Dementia (Afallon Ward) has closed.

Thank you for reading this, and Good Luck with the Bill,  
Pamela Hughes.