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Alzheimer's Support Press Statement - Charterhouse beds

“We understood that closing the beds at Charterhouse was one proposal as part of a consultation into the best way to treat dementia patients with complex needs. Under the proposals, any bed closures would be accompanied by better services in the community”.

“Closing the beds to admissions now, ahead of the consultation and before the extra services are in place, would seem to be premature. People with dementia needing an in-patient bed will now have to travel to Bath or Salisbury and it is very difficult for them and their families when they are so much further from home”.

“We have raised this issue with AWP and have been assured that this is a temporary measure and that no decisions have been taken. We look forward to taking part in the wider consultation about the best way to care for dementia patients in Wiltshire.”

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