



Join Barnet UNISON at our lobby of the Council's Adults Safeguarding Committee
Tuesday 14th September at 6pm
Hendon Town Hall
The Burroughs NW4

93 COVID Heroes Face the Sack!

Apthorp Residential and Day Centre staff told their workplace will close down end of October 2021.

This also means the remaining approximately 27 residents in Apthorp will be moved with just 2 months notice and no plan as yet devised for how staff will help settle residents into their new home. No wonder staff told the employer, at the meeting where it was announced 20th August, this could well result in “**blood on their hands**” as it is well documented how traumatic moves can be for vulnerable, frail people can be.

The reason for the closure is that the level of repairs needed for the home would be too disruptive for residents.

How do the Council and Your Choice Barnet, who made the decision, know this?

They have consulted with NO residents, staff or their representatives to establish their views or wishes!

Also how has it come to be that a purpose built property completed in 2004 is already so disastrously outdated it needs to close?

Meanwhile the **care workers who were rightly applauded in 2020 are now to be sacked**. Is this the thanks they deserve for risking their lives and effectively becoming part of residents' families because visits were so limited?

This is not good enough and Barnet UNISON will protest this decision at the Adults and Safeguarding Committee 14th September.

Please show solidarity and join us!