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Dear friend,

On the 4th November 2008 we received a report detailing proposed efficiency savings for South Lanarkshire Council's 2009/2010-revenue budget.

One of the proposals submitted was that the current contract we have with South Lanarkshire Council for day care provision is to be terminated in July 2009.

The Management Committee and the Staff at Pine Crescent are outraged that this vital service to both our Service Users and their Carers is under serious threat.

South Lanarkshire Council's own document "Principles of Care" states that Service Users should "Get help to fully understand all the options and choose the one that is right for you" If the proposed report recommendations are approved, it will mean that people with Dementia, and their Carers will have no choice other than to attend a Council daycare facility.

We at Pine Crescent are extremely passionate about our Group, proud that we are recognised as a leader in Dementia care, and most importantly, we firmly believe that by providing Dementia care in a small homely environment, with a staff ratio that allows us to care for every Service User as an individual, is best practice.

We intend to launch a high profile and public campaign to challenge the threat to our Group. We will be asking politicians, the media, our carers, and especially the population of East Kilbride to support us in our campaign.

As with any campaign of this type, there can be sensationalist media reports. We will keep you fully informed of the facts surrounding our campaign, and also keep you advised of specific events we will be organising.

Our Group is run for the sole benefit of caring for people with Dementia, and supporting their carers. Your support in our campaign is vital, if you have any suggestions to help us, please contact Brian on 01355 244123.

Kind Regards,

John Vance

Chairman, East Kilbride & District Dementia Carers Group