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The Camphill Village Trust
The Kingfisher Offices
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Re: Botton Village

Dear Sirs,

My relative has happily lived in Botton Village for over 35 years. Currently there are many changes to the Community which concern me.

Please could you explain to me whether or not co-workers/care workers will be allowed to continue sharing living facilities with the villagers in the traditional model of the shared house?

Quoting from your fact sheet:

People in CVT now live within a wide range of houses and homes including shared living, formally registered care homes, retirement environments and semi-independent and more independent houses and flats – either with other people or on their own. This is not really going to change.

We will examine the possibility of continuing to provide support and living arrangements similar to the shared house model for those people who want it and where it is the right kind of support environment.

Those living in shared houses have already been moving towards greater personal space and separation in the home – we need to make these changes more evident to respond to the complicated employment laws around working and living together.

We will have some residential employees, who will live in the community close to the people they support – as well as employees who come into the community during the days and evenings, those who sleep in at night and others who provide waking night support.

Taking the points above which I have highlighted –

1. From the 1st paragraph, please can you confirm that shared living *can* continue & ‘this is not really going to change’ ?
2. What do you mean by ‘*similar* to the shared house model’?
3. The 3rd paragraph seems to contradict the 1st – ‘we need to make these changes more evident to respond to the complicated employment laws around working and living together’. Please could you tell me precisely which laws you are referring to?
4. Re ‘employees who come into the community during the days and evenings / those who sleep in at night / others who provide waking night support’. This is entirely different to the Bottom ethos of the shared community / extended family way of living. Is it absolutely necessary? Why only ‘*some*’ residential employees?

I realise there are many issues you are taking into account – I only have one – the wellbeing of my relative but this is vitally important to me. I would therefore appreciate a reply to the points I have made above at your earliest convenience.

Yours,

Sue McEwen (Mrs)

You are welcome to reply by email if more convenient

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Care Bill (HL Bill 1)

Promoting individual well-being

(1)The general duty of a local authority, in exercising a function under this Part in the case of an individual, is to promote that individual’s well-being.

(2)“Well-being”, in relation to an individual, means that individual’s well-being so far as relating to any of the following—

(a)physical and mental health, emotional well-being and personal dignity;

(b)protection from abuse and neglect;

(c)control by the individual over day-to-day life (including over care and support, or support, provided to the individual and the way in which it is provided);

(d)participation in work, education, training or recreation;

(e)social and economic well-being;

(f)domestic, family and personal relationships;

(g)suitability of living accommodation;

(h)the individual’s contribution to society.

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