

## **Residential Care Review: Current Provision of Parkdale and Beechgrove**

### **Beechgrove Care Home**

Beechgrove Care Home is located in Perth City and has a maximum registered capacity of 28 beds. At present there are only 17 residents there. The building has an upper floor used as office space by various Social Care teams. The top floor of Beechgrove cannot be used as the Fire Service and the Care Inspectorate have said increased staffing would be required to complete a night time fire evacuation from the upper floor. The corridors are 4 inches too narrow for residents with mobility issues and there is a lack of passing places. There are fire safety works going on at Beechgrove as the building does not comply with current regulations. Out of the 5 wings only one has been completed so far. A capital budget of approximately £247k has been identified for modifications to ensure compliance with fire regulations.

### **Ensuite Facilities**

Care Inspectorate has advised that as long as the standard of care is high quality, there is no requirement to install ensuites in Beechgrove. However, the Health and Social Care Partnership may also have a view of whether it thinks it is acceptable or sustainable to operate a care home on into the future which doesn't provide ensuite facilities for residents. There are two ways to create ensuite facilities in Beechgrove. One method would be to build an extension to create the additional capacity. This would be highly expensive, as outlined in a previous consultation report (2004) makes clear. Adjusted for inflation these costs would now be approximately £6million. The other approach would be to turn every third bedroom into a bathroom space. This would however further reduce the available capacity within the care home to 22.

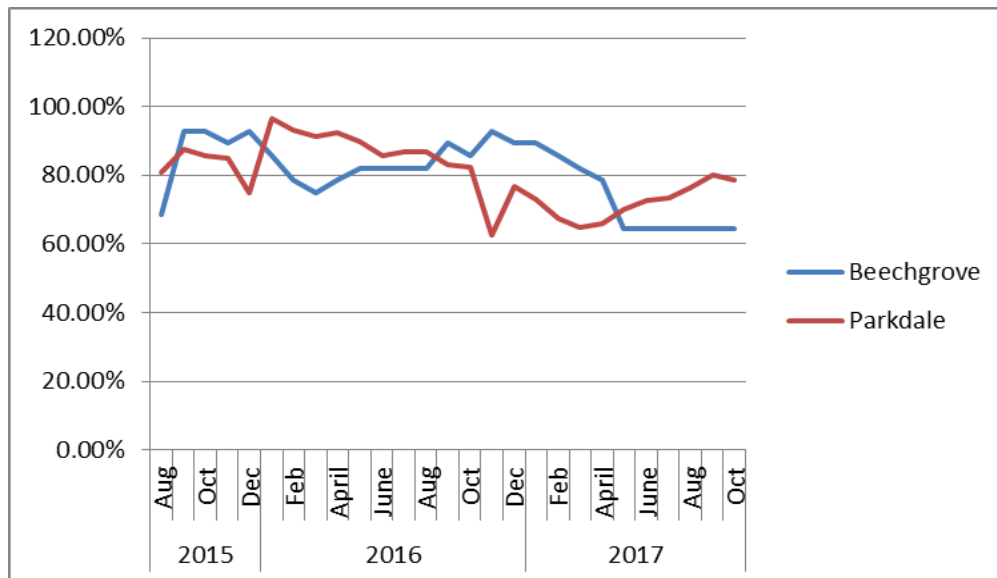
### **Parkdale Care Home**

Parkdale Residential Care Home is located in Auchterarder. It has a maximum occupancy of 40 beds and provides residential care and day opportunities. It currently has 31 permanent placements. The 9 vacancies have been used to provide temporary placements. Temporary placements include respite, crisis and interim placements. These temporary placements either provide short term support to someone that is struggling to care for themselves at home or those ready to go home from hospital but who are waiting for a care package before they can go back home. One wing of Parkdale is currently unused. It needs furniture and minor decoration works to bring it back into commission. Parkdale has ensuite toilet and washbasin for all residents. The use of Day Opportunities at Parkdale has reduced significantly and the service now only provides activities 2 days a week for 3 clients.

Beechgrove and Parkdale are registered for 28 and 40 beds respectively; however they have been under occupied in the past 12 months. The physical environment Beechgrove has led to a reduced service being delivered and this were presented to the IJB in September (report no. G/17/164).

## Occupancy Levels

In the past 12 months both Parkdale and Beechgrove care homes have been under occupied. Some of these vacant beds across the care homes are being utilised by people accessing temporary respite, crisis or interim support, as noted previously. The levels of permanent residential placements are summarised below. The table below shows the decline in permanent placements over the last 2 years. The reason for the decline in admissions is multi-faceted. While part of this is due to service user choice, the vacancy level has also been lowered due to reduced staff levels plus the refurbishment/Fire Safety work at Beechgrove.



\*Information correct as of 31 October 2017