

Agenda Item No: 4

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER

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Report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care

**TO INCREASE SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS AT THE GRANGE,
WHITESTONES,
CASTLE COURT AND THE SPINNEY HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek Cabinet Member approval to spend £29,609 to improve security at four homes for older people; The Grange at Eckington, Whitestones at Chapel- en-le-Frith, Castle Court at Castle Gresley, and The Spinney at Chesterfield.

2. Information and Analysis

A security audit has been carried out by the Managers of all the Adult Care residential properties for Older People. The audit highlighted areas that require additional measures to make the homes and premises safer for residents and staff, for example, there were a number of unalarmed doors leading from the building to unsecured external areas. Key to the assessment was the ease with which staff could respond to assist residents with additional support needs and have the ability to monitor potential intruders to the home.

At The Grange, Whitestones and Castle Court the bedrooms all have external doors. Some of them do not open on to a secure garden area and it would be very difficult to secure all the grounds, particularly the entrance into the

grounds of the homes. It is particularly important for staff to be alerted if a resident decides to go outside at night, even if it is into a safe area.

The Grange, Whitestones and Castle Court all have Stanley Security System staff call systems. The Stanley Security system includes radio call units and door contacts in other areas of the building which could be augmented to include the external bedroom doors. The security units are connected to a pager carried by staff which sends an alert that tells them which door has been opened.

At The Spinney none of the garden area is secure which creates a problem if a resident who is known to wander wants to go outside. This is currently managed by a member of staff escorting individuals, but that then restricts both the individual's time outside and the availability of staff to support other residents in the home.

There is a patio and garden area at The Spinney which could be fenced to provide a safe and secure area for residents to enjoy where staff can observe without having to be outside with them at all times.

Safeguarding residents is an essential requirement to meet Care Quality Commission inspection standards.

3. Financial Considerations

The Grange, Whitestones and Castle Court:

Stanley Security Solutions have provided quotations for the upgrade to the staff call systems as follows:

	£
The Grange	5,759
Whitestones	8,045
Castle Court	8,045
Total	21,849

The Spinney:

Property Services have provided a quotation for the fencing at The Spinney at a cost of £7,760.

The total cost of the security measures is £29, 609, which can be met from the Adult Care Capital 2014/15 Maintaining Minimum Standards Budget.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, and environmental, health, human resources and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision

No

6. Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decision proposed in this report?

No

7. Officer Recommendation

That Cabinet Member approves the improvements to security measures at The Grange, Whitestones, Castle Court and The Spinney at a total cost of £29,609.

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