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GMB slams Northampton care home closures.



Residents, workers and the community have been left reeling after West Northants Council announced the closure plans.

GMB Union, representing care workers across the UK, has today slammed the planned closure of two well loved Northampton care homes as 'shameful'.

The news comes as West Northants Council cabinet members voted to approve plans to close the doors at Council run Obelisk House and Southfield House.

The closures will leave Northampton with no council-owned care facilities in the west of Northamptonshire.

Rachelle Wilkins, GMB Organiser, said:

"It is shameful that Reform are dropping this bombshell decision on local people.

"Care workers, residents and their families have been left in the dark about what this decision will mean for them.

"Instead of investing in these homes to support their long term viability, the Council is opting to close the doors together in the middle of a care crisis.

"Reform Councillors have been keen to stress they are engaging with everyone impacted, but care workers' have been left with little or no say about the plans.

"We will be meeting with workers in the coming days to decide on our next steps to fight these closures."

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