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Bristol adult social care must be protected



GMB Union has demanded Bristol's adult social care is protected amid a wide-ranging review into services.

Bristol City Council has moved into the next stage of its review of five key services: Redfield Lodge, Bristol Community Meals, Reablement, Shared Lives and Bristol Community Links.

Redfield Lodge, Bristol's last remaining council-run residential care home, provides specialist dementia care, while Bristol Community Meals delivers vital welfare checks alongside nutritious meals.

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Reablement helps residents regain independence following illness or hospital discharge, while Shared Lives and Bristol Community Links provide personalised care, social connections and essential community support.

GMB is raising concerns about their future and believes these services should be protected, invested in and improved, rather than judged on cost alone.

Rob Bailey, GMB Organiser , said:

"These aren't just services on a balance sheet. They are lifelines for vulnerable people and their families, delivered by dedicated staff who know their communities and the people they care for.

"Any decisions about their future must consider the quality of care, the value of experienced staff and the wider impact on residents.

"Cutting costs today must not come at the expense of people's wellbeing tomorrow. We recognise that services need to evolve, but that should mean investing in better care, not putting valued public services at risk."

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