

Dementia service saved after GMB campaign

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Sandwell's only dementia care service has been saved today [18 November 2021] after a long-running GMB campaign.

Following consultations between management and trade unions and a public campaign, councillors in Sandwell rubber-stamped plans to keep the Walker Grange facility running.

The authority also committed to investing in the long term future.

Today's decision not only gives peace of mind to the residents and their families but also safeguards the jobs of more than 30 staff.

One Walker Grange Care Worker said:

"This has been an emotional journey for all the tenants and staff.

"This time the consultation as ended in favour of the people at Walker Grange and I'd like to thank everyone who helped us get this result."

Darren James, GMB Sandwell Branch Secretary, said:

"To save this care home is a victory for all who recognise the vital service offered by the staff here at Walker Grange.

"However, the stress and anxiety caused by this unnecessary consultation could have been avoided if the council would have recognised this beforehand and invested properly in services.

"Our members are hard-working, dedicated people and can now go back to doing what they do best, caring and providing dignity for Sandwell residents."

