



A Note from your Rescom

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It was clear at the AGM that there is a great deal of confusion amongst many residents in relation to a wide variety of the health issues in the village.

In view of the different problems, after discussion with Garry and Elize Porter, it was decided to roll out a series of communications to clarify those that have been brought up rather than trying to deal with them all at one time.

With that in mind, Elize produced the first document which is attached to this in order to highlight the different options available to residents.

We are all aware of the fact that both Frail Care and Home Care are available here. The misunderstanding is mainly around Sub-Acute Care, which most people refer to as the Step-Down option. This is for people recovering from hospital admission following an illness or surgery. Our Frail Care facility is not registered for this type of care. Evergreen Health have been struggling for a long time without success to gain the registration and, with that, a practice number. This has so far proved impossible. The practical result is that most medical aid schemes will not pay for that level of care at Evergreen. We are welcome to choose the option but there is a real chance that the cost will be to our personal accounts.

Perhaps the other aspect to highlight is the section under Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). The medical services mentioned here are available to all those in Frail Care. However, they are also available to residents in their units. It is probable that our own doctors will put us in touch with professionals, such as dieticians, if that is appropriate.

On the other hand, if you feel that it might help, you can contact Marius or Sister Kate and they can organise a physio, bio kineticist, dietician, etc., should you need some help or advice.

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