

Outsourcing Community Service Delivery

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Hi – To Whom It May Concern

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I am totally against the of idea of privatising the group homes, this has been tried before and defeated for good reasons, it is a waste of time and money to even look at it again, I am from a very large family and we will all fight to keep the status quo, I have a brother in one of these homes who turns 50 this weekend, he has been in and out of all types of care during his life, both public and private, some of the things he has endured are unspeakable, this period in this home he has been the most settled he has ever been, I have firsthand experience from visiting the places he has been and have witnessed what really goes on, I do not want to go into detail here but will do so if requested or need to.

Ask anyone who has anything to do with mental health care and they will tell you that change is the worst thing for any client; most people do not understand that routine is of upmost importance to these people, we need to care for these people and the carers need to be accountable, the system needs transparency, the best way to do this is for the Government to take responsibility.

In the long term any privatisation always costs the tax payer more, I cannot think of an example where it has not. If the patients do not get the right care, things can go astray very quickly and the clients can end up hurt or in jail due to no fault of their own, metal health care is a much specialised area that most people do not understand, I beg of you to not to tamper with a system that is working.

