

Submission

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Outsourcing Community Service Delivery

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I strongly object the proposed privatisation of the Government run Group Homes. My brother is currently housed in a group home It is an extremely difficult job looking after my brother and others like him but the staff are wonderful, caring and responsible.

I remember in 1999 fighting for non-privatisation with family members and will once again do everything in my power to do so again. Society is judged on how we treat the most vulnerable of our members. As elected members you have a responsibility to give these people the care they deserve and not based on how to cut corners financially. Present Government run Group Homes seem to be more accountable for their actions thereby making them safer for their residents. It's a hard enough job without the constant threat of change. Mentally ill people do not adjust to change readily so there will be consequences from unhappy and unpredictable people. Surely, there are numerous other cost cutting measures than the Government can make prior to even considering something as radical as this proposal.