Outsourcing Community Service Delivery

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been working with Ageing Disability And Home Care people since September 1977 (with a break in between for personal reasons).

I have watched these children grow to become the adults that they are today. I have been able to handover to my work colleagues HISTORY about them - how they were as young children, the little things that they did, talk, about their lives and how it was back then, how things have changed since 1977.

These people have been together for so many many years and even today still socialize at different functions, venues and outings, they LOVE seeing each other as they are in every sense of the word FAMILY.

Parents of these adults have become life long friends and have watched each others familys grow throughout the years. They ALL have a HISTORY together.

How would YOU like to be handed over to someone YOU dont know, someone who doesnt know YOU and everything that is important to YOU, about YOU and what YOU want in YOUR life?

I believe, LEAVE the people and their familys be - let them stay in what ONLY they know!!

Some of these people are non-verbal, they do not have a voice, they CANT speak up!! Their Parents are getting older and some are very frail, they want their loved ones to stay with what they have ONLY ever known their whole lives.

Wouldnt you want exactly the same for your loved one if YOU were walking in their shoes?

These peoples Parents fought a long and hard battle to get EVERYTHING they have for their family member and Ageing Disability and Home Care are delivering a Service that has been of HIGH standard. Staff have done the hard yards, Policies are in place to support these people and staff training ENSURES a HIGH quality of care.

These people are now ageing themselves and we now venture into the unknown due to people with Disabilitys living longer lives with better health care-medications and CARE!!

Leave them with Ageing Disabiltiy and Home Care as this is what they have had since February 1977.

Let them live out the rest of their lives in a safe - secure environment with familar faces who really KNOW them , dont deem them too expensive to live in their Group Homes as they are Human Beings.