

# London Borough of Croydon Adult Social Services Department

## **Welcome to Stroud Green Lodge**

Stroud Green Lodge is a 27 bed specialist residential home caring for people suffering from the various forms and stages of Dementia.

Stroud Green Lodge is owned and managed by Croydon Council via its Adult Social Services Department and the Home is fully registered and inspected by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI). Copies of the CSCI inspection reports are available.

Stroud was first opened in 1962 and is due to be closed and replaced in 2008 as we will then be moving to a new purpose built Residential Home and Resource Centre at the Heavers Farm site near Selhurst Station, being provided via the Council's Homes for the Future (New4Old) developments.



Heavers Farm

Building work commenced on the new scheme, pictured above in January 2007 and is due for completion in September 2008. We have been fully involved in the development of the new homes and believe the layout and comprehensive facilities of the new buildings will greatly enhance the quality of life and dignity of our clients. All residents will have the privacy of en-suite shower and toileting facilities in their own room/accommodation. Throughout the design phase of this project we have been closely involved in the planning, design and proposed management of the new facilities, and have liaised closely with Croydon NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT), and the local Alzheimer's Society and other partners and agencies such as the CSCI and the Stakeholder Group.

### **What is dementia?**

The word dementia describes a serious deterioration in mental functions, such as memory, language, orientation and judgement.

The most common cause of dementia is *Alzheimer's disease*, accounting for around two thirds of dementia in the elderly. Other diseases which cause dementia are *vascular dementia* (including *multi-infarct dementia* and *Binswanger's disease*) *Lewy Body disease* (Dementia with Lewy Bodies), and *fronto-temporal dementia* (including *Pick's disease* and *Primary Progressive Aphasia*). It is not uncommon for people to have more than one form of dementia; for example, some people with vascular dementia also have Alzheimer's disease.

*Senile dementia* refers to dementia in people over 65. Dementia in people under this age is much more rare and is often referred to as *early onset dementia*.

Dementia is a major cause of ill health affecting 700,000 people in the UK – a number which is rising.

Our care in Stroud centres on a residents individual Care Plan which is reviewed at least every six months by a Keyworker , our client and one of their family or a nominated advocate or friend, and monitored once a year by the Client's Care Manager.

You will be introduced to a Keyworker and possibly our Cook, Domestic/Laundry person, and Stroud's Management team when you visit Stroud and they will explain their roles and answer any questions you may have.

By way of explanation a Keyworker is a specific member of the Stroud staff team who is responsible for co-ordinating a residents individual care plan, for monitoring it's progress and for staying in regular contact with the resident and everyone involved, including the clients identified family contact.

The Care Plan is a written statement which is drawn up in consultation with the client (and their family contact), the Home and Care Management colleagues following a single assessment process, and which sets out the health and social services care and support that a resident can expect to receive in Stroud. A financial assessment is also undertaken to determine the level of fees to be charged.

A comprehensive medical advice, consultation and support service is also available to all the residents in Stroud via arrangements in place with the Croydon NHS Primary Care Trust to provide GP, Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) and District Nurse and advice and visits from Consultants and Community Psychiatric Nurses as needs be. A Pharmacy service is also provided.

An activities programme is also important for the health and emotional wellbeing of people with Dementia, and we provide a range of activities including music, board and card games, in-house entertainment, keep fit and outings to shows and theatres for Stroud's residents.

Facilities and arrangements are also in place for residents to follow and practice their various faiths, beliefs and religions.

Please feel free to talk to any of the staff team, as they will be happy to assist you and answer your questions. You will also be invited to our carers support group, and will have the opportunity to discuss any areas related to the home and care provided.

Thank you for visiting Stroud Green Lodge.

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