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SOUTH AFRICA LODGE WATERLOOVILLE

I understand that Havant Council have received an application to change the age restriction on South Africa Lodge. At present this nursing home can only accept residents over the age of 50 years.

At present I am consultant psychiatrist responsible for the psychiatric care of patients at Kitnocks Nursing Home, Curdridge. Kitnocks provides specialist medical and nursing care for approximately sixty patients who have both physical and psychiatric health problems. While many of the patients with these dual health needs are elderly a substantial number of the referrals are under the age of 50 years. Patients with conditions such as traumatic brain damage and Huntingdon's Disease often need to be cared for in a protective nursing environment from early adulthood. It is always preferable for such patients to be admitted to a home, which can manage there needs throughout the rest of their lifetime. It is therefore essential that within each health community there are residential facilities that can provide for this breadth of age group. Throughout my eight years involvement with Kitnocks it has been full and had a substantial waiting list, despite expansion of bed spaces.

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