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Sent: 28 August 2023 10:55
To: Havant Planning and Development Mailbox New
Subject: Elmleigh 61a New Lane Havant PO9 2JJ Proposal Installation of 3 Metre High Security Fenc. Planning Application APP/23/00261.

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Dear Mr Toole

Thank you for the Planning application I received a few days ago for the proposal of a 3-metre-high anti-climb security fence in the adjacent Hospital property and our objection to the proposal is as follows.

We have on many occasions had to suffer prolonged extreme screaming shouting and profound language generally at weekends from inside the hospital from some patients with serious mental health issues making it impossible to be able to enjoy our garden recreation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The proposals for a 3-metre-high anti climb security fence can only mean the hospital intends to allow their patients to roam freely and uncontrolled outside which would exaggerate the noise and [REDACTED] garden in an outside space and possibly inside our house etc. not to mention look like a prison and be visible [REDACTED]

I would also like to add that I find it quite extraordinary that this Mental Health Hospital was ever allowed to be built on the boundary wall of an existing residential housing estate knowing the problems this usage would entail, now your proposals are for your mental health patients to have access to the garden area compounding the noise situation [REDACTED]

We also note from the Quality Care Commission Report Inspection shown below and (hi-lite in red) dated October 2022 states the ongoing staff shortages and staff sickness how would you be able to monitor your patients in the garden area.

Nursing staff

During the last inspection in October 2021 we identified that there were not always enough skilled and qualified staff rostered to work on each shift. At this inspection, the provider was continuing to take action to improve this. Across the wards that were inspected, 22% of registered nurse posts were vacant. The most significant registered nurse vacancies were on Juniper ward at Parklands hospital, where 53% of posts were vacant, and at **Elmleigh, where 37% of posts were vacant.** The provider was continuing to make progress with recruiting new staff to these posts and was working to recruit registered nurses in bulk from overseas. At the time of the inspection, 14 individuals had recently been appointed to work as registered nurses at Elmleigh. Once these staff came into post Elmleigh would have a surplus of registered nurses.

Seventeen percent of nursing support posts were vacant across the wards that were inspected. The provider was working hard to recruit permanent staff to these posts.

Vacant shifts were normally covered by regular agency staff, who worked frequently at the service and were familiar with systems, processes, and the needs of individual patients. Between April and October 2022, 7710 registered nurse shifts across the wards that were inspected were covered by agency staff or staff doing additional bank shifts. There were 594 registered nurse shifts that went unfilled across the wards that were inspected. This challenge was most acute at Elmleigh and Cherry wards, where there were 156 and 103 unfilled registered nurse shifts

respectively. Nine-thousand and sixty-five nursing support worker shifts across the wards that were inspected were covered by agency staff or staff doing additional bank shifts, between April and October 2022. There were 1105 nursing support shifts that went unfilled across the wards that were inspected. This challenge was most acute at Elmleigh, where there had been 300 unfilled nursing support shifts during the same timeframe.

Bank and agency staff had a full induction and understood the service before starting their shift. Patients rarely had their escorted leave or activities cancelled, even when the service was short staffed. Patients also received regular one to one time with their named nurse. The service had enough staff on each shift to carry out physical interventions safely.

Managers could adjust staffing levels according to the needs of patients.

Staff sickness rates across the wards we inspected averaged 7.4% between April and October 2022. There were no significant hotspots. However, sickness rates at Elmleigh had steadily increased from 6.4% in April 2022 to 11.7% in October 2022.

To conclude worst case if you ignore our objection and they proceed with this proposed fence it should be at the very least an ACOUSTIC TYPE FENCE which would greatly reduce the noise level and coloured to match the adjacent landscaping so as not to look a Prison to us or your patients.

Your Sincerely

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