

Council 'to decide on revamp plans'

Members of Cumbria county council's cabinet are set to preside over whether new residential care homes should be given the go-ahead.

Such a move follows working groups that were recently chaired by Age Concern which looked to see how care facilities could be enhanced to meet the needs of the elderly today, reports Care and Health.

Existing homes at Penrith, Brampton, Alston, Wigton, Millon and Alston will be replaced with better services if the plans go ahead, the council stated, funded by the government's Community Ventures Scheme.

Cabinet member responsible for Adult Social Care and Health, Oliver Pearson, said that these developments should radically alter the care landscape in the region.

"The plans before cabinet next week herald a quantum leap in the quality of council-run residential care facilities in Cumbria. These proposals for improved residential would enable us to offer older people in Cumbria real independence and choice," he told the paper.

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