

Save Ludlow Road Short Breaks Respite Centre



We, the undersigned, call upon Worcestershire County Council to maintain funding for Ludlow Road, Kidderminster, NHS Short Breaks Service, and keep it open. Further, we call upon the NHS, CCG, and other statutory health & care bodies to work with the County Council to find a solution to secure its future. Ludlow Road provides specialist care for the disabled young people that use it, and so allows their carer families the valuable respite they need. Such specialist services cannot be readily replaced and closure will likely lead to demands elsewhere in the health and care system making the closure of Ludlow Road a false economy.

Abby Campbell: “My brother has been going here since 2. He is now 16 and he loves it there it's his little get away aswell as a well deserved break for my mum.”

Julie Watts: “I know a family who rely on this respite centre. What are the council thinking?! It shows a lack of humanity and morality to target vulnerable children and their families.”

Jane Nott: “I know so many local families who rely on this specialist respite care. They cannot simply ask a neighbour to babysit or care for their youngsters who have very complex medical and care needs. This support prevents crisis and breakdown.”

Kate Chatfield: “Respite is so important for the person receiving care and the carers in the family. It creates a social aspect for the person in respite and is invaluable to the carers who are on call 24/7. The idea of shutting these places will put extra strain on NHS and other social care services, which are already suffering their own cuts. We need to keep these places open if not create more of them. Use taxes on the rich and chase up tax dodging mega companies to fund this.”

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Maureen Woodfull: "I worked as a social worker in Kidderminster in the 70's and the service then was very good. What is happening Worcestershire? Your reputation as providing good services has disappeared. Don't you care any more for the disadvantaged? Shame on you! Parents and families need this service desperately."

Leoni Morris: "This is a much needed center for that families that use the facility on a regular basis. Closing it down would cause more a lot harm than good! Stop taking away our much needed services in Kidderminster."

Eddie Mills: "It shows a lack of humanity and morality to target vulnerable children and their families in this way yet again. Services like this help to support parents, allowing them to continue looking after their children at home. Without centres like this more children will inevitably end up in full time residential care making any initial savings look like chicken feed."

Pauline Toohey: "We are at breaking point because of lack of suitable facilities for respite care, and our social care budget has been slashed. My son also gets frustrated having his parents around so much-what 24yr old wouldn't. We used to arrange a weeks holiday away for him away from us with two young male carers just a couple of years older than him. But funding was cut for that too."

Lilly Faulkner: "I had the opportunity to work here for a short time as a student nurse. The work that the staff do is amazing and they provide children with a safe, fun and stimulating environment. It also gives family and carers the well deserved break that they need."

Amy Mounsey: "I am signing this petition because I have three young children with additional needs and we desperately need to access these provisions and we are struggling. Closing a valuable centre will just make it even harder for families like ours."

Debbie Dearing: "My son Christopher went to Ludlow Road, at a time when we as a family needed Shortbreaks after we lost Chris's little sister. We had been left high and dry as the Shortbreaks Carer decided to stop doing Shortbreaks. Our health visitor got our son the placement which was a godsend at a very sad time for us. The staff at Ludlow Road are so caring and are there not just for the Children but also for the parent's of these children . They've also been there for a few of my son's friends who have passed away after they have moved from Children's to Adult Shortbreaks. They are part of our family and we are part of their's."

Amanda Hudson: "This much needed service should not be taken away, as a carer I need respite because I really need it otherwise I couldn't cope."

Julie Jones: "I work with children and families that access Ludlow Road, it would have a major impact on their lives if the unit was to close."