

# SAVE BROOMHILL HOUSE!



**Broomhill House is a Nurse led open rehabilitation unit in Gedling, Nottingham, for people with enduring and complex mental health problems.** It has been a valued part of the local community for over twenty years. It has 12 unit beds and supports a further 15 people (who have been through the unit) who live very locally. People living at Broomhill have a safe environment, in a purpose built building, with highly experienced and caring staff. They learn to manage their problems, regain control over their lives, and move back into the community. Those who use the outreach service have 24-hour access to a safe, familiar place where they can get help and support when they

need it from people who know them well. And it works! What will happen to these patients if Broomhill closes?

The Commissioners and Nott's Healthcare NHS Trust management are planning to close Broomhill House down. The Trust's rationale for this boils down to 3 reasons:

1. financial – they will only re-invest 30% of the money they save in community services – **a 70% CUT!**
2. They say that people prefer to be treated in their own homes. Of course people want to be treated in their own homes- if they are well enough! The aim of Broomhill is to work with people to manage their complex and enduring problems so

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Join us at the consultation meeting on Mon 17th Aug. at 5.30pm, Gedling All Hallows Church

they can learn the skills needed to return to the community, and be able to stay there. And yes this costs money - but it saves money in the long run as it reduces the rate of mental health relapse and expensive hospital re-admissions.

3. They say the care people can get in the community will be as effective as that currently provided. **AND YET THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS.** We know how stretched community teams are: and how infrequently some very unwell people get seen.

Already in the last year 2 out of Nottingham's 6 acute psychiatric wards have been closed. A little before that Macmillan Close Rehab Unit was closed.

The Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health (JCP-MH) recommends that there needs to be one unit like Broomhill for every 300,000 people. Nott's Healthcare Trust delivers mental health services to a population of approximately 796,200. If their plans go ahead there will only be one small rehab unit left!

## WHO ARE FRIENDS OF BROOMHILL HOUSE?

Friends of Broomhill were launched to campaign against this closure. We strongly fear that without enough specialist in-patient rehab beds Broomhill's residents will either stay on acute wards for a very long time or the trust will have to pay for very expensive out of area beds (many of them private). Alternatively people will just founder with inadequate care.

We did not feel the initial consultation meeting, held far away from the unit and during the daytime, was adequate. We have demanded another – and won it. We have also made this a high profile issue in the media, as it deserves.

We are taking our demand of "No closure without robust evidence" directly to the people who make these decisions-the Trust Executive and the Commissioners. Please join us!

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**COME TO THE MEETING AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK!**

**Monday 17th August**  
**5.30pm - 7pm**

**All Hallows Church,  
Gedling**



**SIGN OUR ONLINE PETITION:**

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-broomhill-rehabilitation-unit-1>