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SAVE EAST GRINSTEAD'S GLEN VUE CARE CENTRE, SAY LIB DEMS

The Liberal Democrats are calling on West Sussex County Council to save the Glen Vue day centre in East Grinstead, amid concerns that it faces closure.

The Council is reviewing the provision of services for the elderly and vulnerable across the county and the Lib Dems fear that the centre could be relocated to Crawley.

"This centre provides a range of services for elderly and vulnerable people," said Robert Eggleston, Lib Dem Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Mid Sussex. "Closing it would be a tragedy, and leave a massive hole in their provision of care.

"Properly resourced day centres are one of the few ways for some elderly and vulnerable people to have social contact and get access to healthcare and other support. Closing them increases isolation and makes life more difficult for vulnerable people."

Jean Glynn MBE, who has volunteered at the centre for five years, said: "Glen Vue provides a range of vital services including the Memory Clinic, Action for Deafness, a carers support group, a family mediation service, a Relate marriage service, and several other clubs. It is a vital part of our community in East Grinstead and should remain open."

Liberal Democrats' long term policy is to merge health and social care and fund it from a dedicated Health and Care Tax. In the short term, they believe that if health and social care is to be removed from its current state of crisis then it will need an injection of £6bn, which Lib Dems propose to fund from taxation.

"If we are serious about providing world beating health and social care then we have no choice but to provide the resources to achieve it," said Robert Eggleston. "The alternative is lurching from crisis to crisis. Our approach would save health and social care generally and places such as Glen Vue in particular. In the short term, it is vital that West Sussex County Council finds a way to keep this essential centre open."

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