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A Choice based approach to Social Care

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Saving homes

- Saving People's Homes
- Stopping Forced Evictions
- Civilised and Proportionate Monitoring Governance and Regulation

Imagine

- Imagine a world where you cannot choose where you want to live
- Who you want to live with
- How you want to live

Imagine

- Imagine a world where you have lived somewhere for many years
- You have built a life, friends and neighbours
- A social life
- Relationships
- Hobbies, activities and work

Imagine

- You are forcefully evicted
- “For your own good”
- “In your best interests”
- By the State
- Coterie of State Agents

Imagine

- Professionals consent
- Providers consent
- Even charities who purport to advocate for you
- You don't consent, your family does not consent and your community does not consent

Reality

Reality facing care villages and the people who live there



Reality

- Outcomes of forced evictions
- Trauma – maybe lifelong
- Professional “support” to deal with this
- “Challenging behaviour”
- Further professional “support”
- Secure Accommodation (medicalised)
- Hobson’s choice

Reality

- The Pincer Movement
- The Regulator - does not register Care Villages
- Commissioners - placement prohibition increasing
- F.O.I. 30%+
- Providers/Suppliers
- 40 Care Villages in recent years

Case Study One



Case Study Two



Reality

- The Ratchet Effect
- No new villages and villages closing
- Fewer and fewer over time
- Withering on the vine



Reality

- Stakeholder Analysis
- State-based Professionals
(TUs and professional “associations”)
- Large Corporations
- PEs
- Homogeneity of supply
- Long income stream, higher barriers to entry and constriction of supply

What does a choice-based approach mean?

- An approach to social care where service delivery responds to choice and preference exercised by care recipients, their families and communities.
- A bottom-up approach where State overreach is pushed back

What does a choice-based approach mean?

- Concentration on safeguarding, mitigating provider failure, market collapse and promoting diversity of supply, innovation, creativity and outcome optimisation
- Core tasks are around safety, eligibility determination and funding qualification

Features

- State - eligibility and funding qualification
- Regulator and Commissioners - safety verification, provider failure, market collapse and diversity of provision/supply
- Provider/supplier - diversity of supply, outcomes, innovation and creativity

Benefits

- Pro care recipient
- Pro family
- Pro community
- Improves the stakeholder power balance
- More “sovereign” approach for consumers/recipients of service

Not dealt with

- Funding model
- Design – specifics and detail
- Implementation