

A meeting took place yesterday (19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011) in Winchester, between social services (Jess Hutchinson, Director of Transformation (LD), Lucy Butler Assistant Director for Adult Services) and representatives of Parkside (Suzanne Watkins and Ted Parker).

Ted made social services aware that a meeting had taken place at Parkside, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 regarding the proposed social services cuts, and that as a result Parkside had launched a petition to retain Meadowcroft until the new respite facility had been built and opened.

Copies of the comments from the meeting and any comments left on the petition were given to the Social Services representatives. Suzanne stressed how strongly parents and carers feel about the proposed closures.

Jess stated that consultations meetings are being held around the country and she urged parents and carers to attend and make their views known. (Please see link titled: Transformations and Changes In Services Events).

Both Jess and Lucy stressed said they would be prepared to attend (Or send a representative) a small meeting at Parkside if parents/carers thought that it would be useful.