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MY NAME IS JULIE JONES. MY DAUGHTER, LIVES AT
LYREBIRD WAY THORNHIE. SHE HAS LIVED THERE FOR APPROX 25 YEARS.

has a caring, loving, invaluable staff working with her. They understand her needs very well. She is 14 years old & needs 24/7 care. She is Autistic (Epileptic, Intellectually disabled). She has no communication (she has no language) is incontinent & has very difficult, challenging behaviour. In spite of all this, the staff who care for her are very patient & capable of caring for her under these challenging circumstances. Our family are very concerned for her, should changes occur, for what seems, to us for NO reason at all.

We were not informed for many months, after the Gov made this decision. We are still in the dark, as to what the "Plans" are for her. The standard answer is "We don't know". This is not good enough. We are constantly told she will have choices (WHO'S CHOICES??) & the changes will be beneficial for her. I've heard a lot of ridiculous things in my life, but this takes the cake.

Her father & I have been fighting for better conditions & facilities for her all her life. We are now entering our "Twilight Years", but it seems we are still fighting.

Lyrebird Way was Purpose built for the (then children) from the "God Forsaken" Devonleigh, with the promise this would never change & we will do everything in our power to make sure it does not.
Julie Jones