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MP in Plea to Minister Over Care Home Closure

THE Government's health and social care minister, Stephen Kinnock, was today (Friday) urged to take urgent action to prevent the closure of a Stoke-on-Trent care home for autistic adults.

Collinson Court, at Trentham, will close on 1 st March because its owners, the Priory group, say they can no longer afford to keep it open.

The home provides round-the-clock support for nine adults who each have profound disabilities.

Dr Allison Gardner, the MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, has already written to three funding partners – Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Staffordshire County Council and the NHS – asking them to come up with a rescue plan for the home.

“Collinson Court is a highly specialised facility providing support tailored to the needs of each one of its residents and I recognise that there is a shortage of such provision locally,” she said.

“But with only three weeks before the closure, the situation has become critical. Parents are telling me that suitable placements cannot readily be found and they are frightened and alarmed at the prospect of Collinson shutting with no alternative available.”

“I have, therefore, asked the minister to intervene as a matter of urgency with a specific request for funding to be put in place as an interim measure until a more permanent solution can be found.”

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