

Appendix 1: Local Nursing Home Provision

There are 5 registered nursing homes in the Reading Borough and of those 3 can provide support for dementia care.

Surrounding the Reading Borough (within 10 miles of the town centre) there are 21 registered nursing homes, 17 of which can provide support for dementia care.

The Map below shows two circles, the first is 5 miles from the centre of Reading and the second is 10 miles from the centre of Reading.

5 miles goes as far as Theale (in West Berkshire) & Wokingham to the east, Arborfield (in Hampshire) & Sonning Common (in Oxfordshire).

10 miles goes as far as Yattendon / Buckleberry (in West Berkshire) and Bracknell in the east, Bramley (in Hampshire) to past Nettlebed / Nuffield (in Oxfordshire).



Table 1: Showing the Registered Nursing Homes Within 10 Miles of Reading Town Centre

Home Name	Distance from Reading Town Centre (miles)	Travel Time	Changes	Cost (return)	Walking Time from Closest Stop to the Home (minutes)
Sunrise Operations Sonning Limited	3.1	19	0	£4.60	3
Austen House	3.4	32	0	£4.00	7
Abbeycrest Nursing Home	3.5	21	0	£4.00	3
Lord Harris Court	4.3	26	0	£3.70	17
Bridge House Nursing Home	4.6	15	0	£3.80	9
Lashbrook House	5.1	36	1	£4.40	9
Hollies	5.2	28	0	£7.00	4

The Mount Care Home	5.4	40	0	£4.60	10
Acacia Lodge	5.9	36	0	£4.50	4
West Oaks	6.2	13	0	£4.30	5
OSJCT Chilterns Court Care Centre	6.2	46	0	£4.50	7
Thamesfield Nursing Home	6.2	41	0	£4.60	1
The Berkshire Care Home	6.3	19	0	£4.30	11
Glebelands House	6.4	23	0	£4.30	15
Woodbury House	6.6	68	1	£10.00	6
Lynden Hill Clinic	6.8	71	1	£9.80	9
Cherry Garden	9.2	52	1	£9.80	18
Huntercombe Hall Care Home	9.3	65	1	£10.10	10
Apple Hill	9.4	51	1	£9.50	1
Bracknell Care Home	9.9	35	0	£5.90	15
Cherry Blossom Manor	10	30	0	£4.90	14

These homes are all measured from the town centre of Reading, but we must remember that to get to the town centre many people living around Reading will have to take additional public transport to get to the town centre in the first place. For example, People in Tilehurst will need to take a number 15, 16 or 17 bus to reach the town centre before then catching the transport measured above to reach the homes. This will often not require additional expense but will certainly increase the number of changes involved in the trip and the time taken.

The team focused on bus routes as a mode of transport as the majority of these homes are not near a rail link and adding rail as a form of transport increased the costs and the number of changes required significantly.

Of the homes listed above we can see that:

- 1/3 (30% or 6 homes) require at least 1 change in order to reach them.
- 1/3 (30% or 6 homes) cost more than £7.00 return per day to reach them. This might not affect an older person with a bus pass, but it will impact on sons and daughters and grandchildren. The costs can mount up very quickly.
- 40% (8 homes) the transport to them runs only once an hour or less frequently sometimes up to 2 hours.
- 1/5 (20% or 4 homes) have final destination stops that are still more than 15 minutes walk from the actual home. This will be quite a trek for a lot of the older relatives that will need to visit these services.
- 3/5 (60% or 12 homes) take 30 minutes or more in each direction to reach the relevant bus stop. This is a significant travel time for a relative, particularly as 3 of the homes take more than an hour in each direction by public transport to reach.

There are only 4 homes on this list that take less than 30 minutes to travel to, require no changes, cost less than £5 and have stops less than 10 minutes walk from the home.

The reasons stated above are often given to the Council by relatives as reasons why the homes are not suitable for placing people in. This would be a concern to the Council if block contracts were taken out with these homes as it would significantly increase the risk of prolonged voids in

the contract if we struggled to persuade Reading residents to be placed in homes outside of the borough.

Capacity

The average size of these Nursing homes is only 54 beds (largest 103 beds and smallest 12 beds). Of the 21 care homes within 10 miles of Reading, 10 are not large enough to offer the Council a 30 bed block contract without making themselves financially unstable, and 3 are not large enough to offer the Council a 15 bed block contract. 95% charge rates that are far in excess of the fees we pay on average in Reading and none currently have enough vacancies to immediately offer the size of block contract Reading needs.

Table 2: Showing Capacity, voids, quality and average price of a bed in the homes within 10 miles of Reading

Homes Within 5 Miles	Capacity	Vacancies	Ave. Fee	Quality Rating
Sunrise Operations Sonning Limited	103	0	£1,613	Outstanding
Austen House	79	5	£950	Good
Abbeycrest Nursing Home	70	2	£1,650	Good
Lord Harris Court	76	3	£1,496	Good
Bridge House Nursing Home	54	0	£1,600	Good
Homes Within 10 Miles	Capacity	Vacancies	Ave Fee	Quality Rating
Lashbrook House	46	14	£1,115	Requires Improvement
Hollies	58	3	£1,200	Good
The Mount Care Home	37	2	£1,350	Good
Acacia Lodge	55	1	£1,250	Good
West Oaks	63	2	£1,754	Outstanding
OSJCT Chilterns Court Care Centre	64	6	£1,300	Good
Thamesfield Nursing Home	12	0	£1,000	Good
The Berkshire Care Home	58	10	£917.61	Good
Glebelands House	42	2	£1,665	Good
Woodbury House	45	4	£983.33	Good
Lynden Hill Clinic	28	0	£315	Good
Cherry Garden	36	1	£1,000	Good
Huntercombe Hall Care Home	42	0	£1,000	Good
Apple Hill	42	2	£2,200	Good
Bracknell Care Home	30	4	£562.55	Inadequate
Cherry Blossom Manor	77	1	£1,520	Good

The Care Act & Choice of Accommodation

Where a local authority is responsible for meeting a person's care and support needs and their needs have been assessed as requiring a particular type of accommodation in order to ensure that they are met, the person must have the right to choose between different providers of that type of accommodation and the local authority must ensure that the person has a genuine choice that is not constrained by approved lists and frameworks, bulk purchasing and block contract arrangements.

This prevents local authorities from prioritising voids in block contracts over other nursing homes that are offering beds at rates the Council would normally be prepared to accept.