

Southern Cross Bulletin

There has been significant media coverage about the financial stability of Southern Cross, which Manchester City Council recognises will cause concern for residents and their families. Southern Cross is the largest provider of care home places for older people in the UK and has 6 homes in Manchester.

Name of Home Address

Averill House Averill Street, Newton Heath, Manchester, M40 1PD

Brookdale View 1 Averill Street, Newton Heath, Manchester, M40 1PD

Oaklands Care Centre Meadows Court, 130 Kenyon Lane, Moston, Manchester, M40 9DH

Chorlton Place 290 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M16 8LT

Farrant House Nursing Home 44 Farrant Road, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4PF

Laurel Court Nursing Home 1a Candleford Road, Off Palatine Road, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2JH

Southern Cross announced publicly this morning that the landlords who own the care homes have decided to either directly take over the operation of the homes themselves or via alternative operators. It was announced by Southern Cross that 250 care homes nationally will transfer to the new operators shortly with the remaining homes run by the group to transfer by October 2011. Care staff will also transfer over to the new operators on their existing terms and conditions. Liz Bruce, Strategic Director, Adults for Manchester City Council said

"The news about Southern Cross today is a significant change in the situation and we are now working on the contingency plans that we put in place. Our priority as always is the well-being of the residents in Southern Cross care homes. In the short term there will be no immediate change and we are currently working with each landlord

and supporting residents to stay where they are. If residents or their families have concerns about what is happening to their home, I would ask them to telephone 0161 234 5001 and speak to one of our advisors"