



Elmside

Elmside Walk, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1HB

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YOUR DESCRIPTION

Elmside was opened as a Residential Care Home back in 1966. The original house had been sold to MHA by the local Moss family, well-known in Hitchin for its grocery stores. Hitchin itself is a beautiful old market town close to Stevenage in Hertfordshire. The original Home has now been replaced by a completely new two-storey Home, together with an adjacent Housing with Care Scheme. Opened in 2007, the new Home contains single, fully furnished en suite rooms for 25 people with dementia and 41 residential care places including care suites designed for couples, enabling their differing care needs to be met. Communal areas include a coffee shop, IT suite, library and hairdressing and therapy rooms, all of which can be used by residents in the neighbouring Scheme. "The aim is to develop a real community within the Care Centre," says the Home Manager, "encouraging residents and their visitors to enjoy all the facilities available."

ACCOMMODATION

Private rooms Single <input type="text" value="66"/> Double <input type="text" value="0"/> Total ensuite <input type="text" value="66"/> Total reg. beds <input type="text" value="66"/> Communal rooms Number of lounges or seating areas <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby room	Residents may bring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Own decoration Building type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purpose built <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion Storeys <input type="text" value="2"/> Wheelchair access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To all floors <input type="checkbox"/> Ground floor only <input type="checkbox"/> No access	Rooms have <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TV point Lifts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full lift <input type="checkbox"/> Stair lift <input type="checkbox"/> No lift Outdoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden Seating areas <input type="text"/>	Details of any associated housing <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 70px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> WEEKLY COST <table> <tr> <td>Personal care</td> <td>Nursing care</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From: <input type="text"/></td> <td>From: <input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Accept local authority rates</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Accept Continuing Care funding</td> </tr> </table> </div>	Personal care	Nursing care	From: <input type="text"/>	From: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept local authority rates	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept Continuing Care funding
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LIFESTYLE

Pets

- Pets accepted
 Home has a pet

Decision making

- Residents' committee
 Relatives' committee

Smoking

- Smokers not accepted

Daily routines are

- Fully flexible
 Flexible to a degree
 Not known

Meals

- Meal times are flexible
 Meals can be taken in own room
 There is a choice of menu
 Residents assist in planning meals
 Meals are prepared in the home
 Snacks are available at any time
 Vegetarians are catered for
 Special diets are accommodated

Family and friends

- Overnight facilities available
 Can usually accommodate visitors

REGISTRATION and SPECIALISMS

- Care only Beds:
 Nursing Beds:
Year registered:
Year built:

Registration categories

Older people generally
Dementia

Care specialisms

Care for people who need:

- Minimal help
 Moderate help
 A high level of help

Can usually accept people with:

- Visual impairment
 Deafness
 Urinary incontinence
 Faecal incontinence
 Moderate memory problems
 Severe memory problems
 Disruptive behaviour
 Challenging behaviour

and/or people who:

- Walk with a frame
 Use a wheelchair
 Are bedfast
 Wander indoors
 Wander outside

Duration of care:

- Short / respite Day care
 Longer stay Home care
 Trial visits can be arranged
 Dedicated beds for respite care
 Dedicated beds for convalescence

CULTURE and RELIGION

If the home is particularly suited to particular groups of people, please describe:

Specific requirements addressed?

- Religious Dietary Language

Languages spoken:

ACTIVITIES

- Entertainment in the home
 Outings
 Regular activities programme
 Facilities for hobbies
 Involvement in gardening
 Own minibus

How often are activities organised?

LOCATION

Location type: Shops walkable

Distances **yards** **miles** **Distances** **yards** **miles**

Local shop: Bus:

GP: Town centre

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