

Abuse of Elderly at Partridge Care Centre

Evidence of neglect and abuse at a private nursing home in Essex has been uncovered by a BBC investigation.

In August 2011 Partridge Care Centre, in Harlow, was at the centre of a police inquiry after three people were taken to hospital with "diabetes related problems". Two women in their 80s died, although Essex Police dropped the investigation saying there was no evidence of "any relevant criminal offences".

However, this decision by the Essex Police does not preclude families of the deceased from taking legal action for damages for the pain, suffering and the untimely death of the Partridge Care Centre residents. Such a claim would either be based on breach of contract, for failing to deliver care services as promised, or for the care home's breach of the common law duty of care. There is clear support for civil action based on the criticism of a former worker at the care home. Graham Flack said he witnessed abuse and neglect of residents during his time there.

Whilst such civil action may not bring back their loved ones, it may nevertheless provide families with satisfaction that the level of care provided by Rushcliffe Care Limited, the owners of the home, has been properly investigated and those responsible (if found liable) have been held liable to account for their failings.

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