

Grisedale Croft Care Home

The evidence from Freedom of Information — what the public records show

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Key: **Grisedale Croft** **Cottage Hospital** **Both**

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A. There was an agreement, and the Council holds it		
Grisedale Croft Verified ✓	A signed NHS–Council agreement for the Grisedale Croft beds exists. <i>“Agreement for the Provision of Services” – Commissioner: Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust; Provider: Cumbria County Council (Cumbria Care). Signed 30 June 2017. £722 per week per patient.</i>	The service-level agreement (FOI-211341), p.1 & signature page View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Cabinet · Consultation · FOI
Grisedale Croft Verified ✓	Westmorland and Furness Council holds it, and has billed the NHS. <i>The Council’s own response refers to “the SLA with the NHS, signed in June 2017” and gives figures “based on actual invoices raised to the ICB.”</i>	FOI-211341 response (same thread) View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Cabinet · FOI
Both Verified ✓	The NHS promised the beds would not close until the replacement was in place. <i>Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee, 22 March 2017: “The Chief Executive confirmed that medical beds would not close until the alternative models were in place ... The Health Scrutiny Committee members recognised this”, and the CCG “gave members assurance that the CCG would continue to work closely with the council.” Minute 33 (14 December 2017) records the replacement was “co-produced ... in Alston ... following the decision in March 2017 to close community in-patient beds.” The Trust’s own Private Board minutes of 28 February 2017 record the same commitment: “our commitment is to retain the service whilst we do the work in</i>	Health Scrutiny minutes, 22 Mar 2017 (FOI-216974, p.938); NCIC Private Board minutes, 28 Feb 2017 (FOI 0000 6812) View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Cabinet · Consultation

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	Alston.”	
Both Verified ✓	<p>The replacement was the Grisedale Croft beds, named in the Alston Plan.</p> <p>The Alston Plan 2017–2020 records the decision as “the removal of the six in-patient health beds”, and sets the replacement: “Two step up/step down beds will be provided in Grisedale Croft residential home.” The community accepted only “provided that the 2 existing beds in Grisedale Croft ... are guaranteed to be available for the foreseeable future.”</p>	<p>The Alston Plan 2017–2020, p.12 & p.27 (FOI 0000 6812)</p> <p>View on WhatDoTheyKnow</p> <p>Use: Cabinet · Consultation</p>

B. The NHS has not sustained its side		
Grisedale Croft Verified ✓	<p>Use of the NHS beds has fallen heavily.</p> <p>Bed-nights occupied (of 730 a year): 288 (2018/19) → 52 (2022/23) → 151 (2025/26).</p>	<p>FOI-211341 response</p> <p>View on WhatDoTheyKnow</p> <p>Use: Consultation · Cabinet</p>
Both Verified ✓	<p>Grisedale Croft is on no NHS pathway list, and the Trust says it has no role in commissioning the beds.</p> <p>“It was not included within the Trust’s formal list of commissioned Pathway 2 bedded settings”; commissioning records “re-directed to the ICB ... the Trust have no involvement with the commissioning of these beds.”</p>	<p>FOI 0000 6883</p> <p>View on WhatDoTheyKnow</p> <p>Use: FOI · Consultation</p>
Both Verified ✓	<p>Very few residents are placed in step-down beds, and Grisedale Croft features on no list.</p> <p>Newcastle: 340 Alston Moor discharges over six years, fewer than five a year to a care home; Grisedale Croft on no Pathway 2/3 list. Cumberland Infirmary Pathway 2 discharges to Alston Moor near zero.</p>	<p>FOI 1436906 & FOI 0000 6812</p> <p>View on WhatDoTheyKnow</p> <p>Use: Consultation · Cabinet</p>
Both Verified ✓	<p>The NHS bodies say they hold no records – though the records exist.</p> <p>The Integrated Care Board’s “not held” is now with the Information Commissioner (IC-524832-R7F0); NHS England likewise – yet the Trust disclosed the 2017–18 Board</p>	<p>FOI ICB 26-033 and related</p> <p>View on WhatDoTheyKnow</p> <p>Use: FOI · Cabinet</p>

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papers and the Alston Plan.

C. Where the Council's own documents and its FOI answers do not match

<p>Grisedale Croft Verified ✓</p>	<p>A building survey the Council said it did not hold.</p> <p>The Council answered that no building condition survey or engineers' assessment is held. Its own CMT report (page 5) records "a Mechanical and Electrical Survey, completed in December 2023 ... £217,400 (Appendix 2)" and "a Decarbonisation plan undertaken in May 2024" (£180,030, Appendix 3).</p>	<p>208440 CMT report, p.5 §3.6.1 / §3.7 View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: FOI · Consultation · Cabinet</p>
<p>Grisedale Croft Verified ✓</p>	<p>A site search the Council said it did not hold.</p> <p>The Cabinet report (§9.5) states "a potentially suitable property has been identified", and the Council's later response records that "an officer visited the property on 17th April 2026" and that it is "sold subject to contract" (records withheld under s.43(2)).</p>	<p>Cabinet report §9.5; FOI-211895 response, p.6 View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: FOI · Consultation · Cabinet</p>
<p>Grisedale Croft Verified ✓</p>	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board never considered Grisedale Croft.</p> <p>"There is no information on matters a-e recorded in any of the Health and Wellbeing Board documents" (Grisedale Croft / Alston Moor intermediate care).</p>	<p>FOI-212846 View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Cabinet · Consultation</p>

D. Cost and process

<p>Grisedale Croft Verified ✓</p>	<p>The Council's own cost figures.</p> <p>CMT report (page 5): refurbishment "Total expected cost would be £2.38m. Rebuilding on the footprint ... over £2.5m." Refurbishment up to £183,738 per bed; rebuild up to £198,912 per bed.</p>	<p>208440 CMT report, p.5 View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Consultation · Cabinet</p>
<p>Grisedale Croft Verified ✓</p>	<p>The Equality Impact Assessment was a barely-completed template.</p> <p>The EIA calls the home "Care Home B" throughout and leaves template guidance</p>	<p>208440 EIA report, p.1, 2.3, 5.1 & 20 View on WhatDoTheyKnow Use: Consultation</p>

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in as answers (most sections read “Yes (if you are not sure, select yes and outline your thoughts)”); one answer is “XX”; rurality is one line, not a Rural Proofing assessment). Its outcome box states there “will be adverse impacts but the work must be completed as it is; this must be justified.”

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