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### **BARTY HOUSE RECEIVES TOP RATING FOR QUALITY OF CARE**

Barty House Nursing Home, in the beautiful village of Bearsted, Kent, has been awarded the highest “3star” rating by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This puts them amongst the top 13 per cent of care homes nationwide.

Barty House, a Canford Healthcare Home, is now one of only three in Maidstone to be awarded an “excellent” rating and amongst the top 10 care homes in Kent.

The award followed an unannounced, full day inspection in December by the CQC, who interviewed residents and staff, and examined the home’s policies, procedures, and premises to determine the standard of seven categories judged against National Minimum Standards, set by the Department of Health.

The CQC, which replaced the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) in March 2009, awards homes one of four ratings: 3 stars for excellent, 2 stars for good, 1 star for adequate, and 0 stars for poor. The report made special mention of the home’s standard of health and personal care, as well as daily life and activities.

Barty House General Manager, Jacqui Butler, was extremely pleased with the “excellent” rating. She said “everyone had worked really hard to make Barty House the home of choice by looking at all aspects, such as the standard of care, documentation, the environment and staff training. Careful recruitment of staff is essential to ensure that high standards are maintained. The Home prides itself on the extensive range of activities available to the residents including visits from entertainers and regular minibus trips to a variety of local attractions. Barty House is now amongst the best nationwide.”

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The news comes hot on the trail of the completion of a £2 million extension to the home comprising of 27 bedrooms with en-suite wet rooms. This has doubled the Home's capacity to 59 beds. The bedrooms and communal areas have beautiful views over the landscaped gardens or courtyard area. The new wing was officially opened in December by special guest and Ground Force favourite, Tommy Walsh and the Mayor of Maidstone, Peter Parvin.

Renovation and refurbishment of the main Georgian building has also recently been completed so that all of the rooms are decorated to a high standard.

For further information about Barty House Nursing Home, please contact Jacqui Butler, General Manager, on 01622 737025.

### **PHOTOCAPTION:**

Barty House receives top '3 star' rating by the Care Quality Commission

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