

# **Former North Berwick care home is on the market for £1.2m**

**A former care home has gone up for sale with a £1.2 million asking price after residents were moved out.**

The decision to shut The Abbey, in North Berwick, sparked a public outcry after health bosses said the building's infrastructure no longer met the care and safety its residents needed.

It came after a decision was taken to close the town's local community hospital's remaining beds.

The Abbey, which is a Category B listed building was built on the grounds of a 12th century convent and accommodated over 30 residents when it was used as the council-run home.

East Lothian Council said the property was now being marketed for private sale and had more than 2.5 acres of land.

The property is described as a two storey "rambling" L-Plan House built in 1907 with an adjoining single storey and attic cottage built in 1908. T

It is considered of significant interest because of interior designs including a range of chimney pieces, period wood panelling and an elephant hide frieze in the entrance hall.

Particulars for the property can be viewed and downloaded at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/property](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/property)

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