

Information for Trowbridge Area Board - January 2015

Healthwatch Wiltshire's role in the consultation on specialist dementia hospital care

1. What is Healthwatch Wiltshire?

Healthwatch Wiltshire is the independent consumer champion for health and social care. We are the only organisation with a statutory duty to represent local people on health and social care and we do this by listening to people's views and experiences. This information is used to influence the commissioners and providers of services.

2. What is the consultation about?

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is consulting on the future permanent location of specialist hospital care for people with severe dementia. The consultation will end on 10 March 2015. You can find out more here: <http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health/specialist-dementia-hospital-care-consultation>

3. What is Healthwatch Wiltshire's role in the consultation?

Healthwatch Wiltshire is independently facilitating the consultation with local people. We will listen to people at public meetings, in service-user meetings, and through one-to-one interviews. In addition to this we will analyse the results of a survey. All this information will be gathered together into a report. The report will be made available for everyone to read and will help NHS Wiltshire CCG to make its decision on the permanent location of specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire.

4. How can I have my say?

There are different ways you can get involved. There is a survey which you can complete on-line: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/dementiastrategyconsultation-2>. If you prefer to complete the survey by hand then contact us and we will send you a hard copy along with a free-post envelope to return it. There are public meetings. The Trowbridge meeting was held in December. The next are in:

- **Devizes:** Tuesday 13th January 2015 from 10-12 noon at The Devizes Corn Exchange (Ceres Hall)
- **Salisbury:** Tuesday 20th January 2015 from 2-4pm at Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street.

Healthwatch Wiltshire will also attend other meetings where the consultation will be discussed so we can listen to what people think. This includes service-user meetings run by voluntary sector partners and also any Area Board meetings. If you can't get to a meeting then get in touch to let us know what you think!

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