

Chairman's Announcements

Subject: Dementia in Wiltshire: The Role of Healthwatch Wiltshire

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Details:

Summary of announcement:

Healthwatch Wiltshire (HWW) is your local champion for health and social care. We are here to listen to the voices of local people and use this to influence commissioners and providers of services.

Monitoring dementia services

HWW has brought together local charities in Wiltshire to form a partnership that will monitor and support the new Wiltshire dementia strategy.

This innovative new partnership includes representatives from Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, Age UK Wiltshire, Age UK Salisbury District, Carer Support Wiltshire and Swan Advocacy.

Partners will gather feedback independently through a variety of means and then share findings at regular partnership steering group meetings. HWW will bring together at least 100 local people across the county to monitor how services are working. The '100' will be asked to share their experiences of local dementia services. HWW will gather together these experiences and share these with the partnership as well as commissioners and providers of services. The aim is to make sure that the voices of local people are 'centre stage'. In addition to the workshops, HWW will offer people the opportunity to take part in a one-to-one interview with a member of HWW staff or a trained volunteer.

The workshops will be taking place on:

- **Thursday 22 January 2pm – 4pm at Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hays, Malmesbury SN16 9BZ**
- **Wednesday 28 January 2pm – 4pm at The Corn Exchange, St. Johns Street, Devizes SN10 1BN**
- **Wednesday 4 February 2pm – 4pm at The Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF**
- **Thursday 12 February 2pm – 4pm at The Laverton, Bratton Road, Westbury BA13 3EN**

Specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is consulting on the permanent location of specialist dementia hospital care. To help them make a decision about where this care should be, they want to hear what local people think. HWW is independently facilitating the consultation. This will include public meetings, talking to people in service user groups, inviting people to complete a questionnaire, or simply inviting people to talk to us and tell us what they think.

The public meetings will be taking place on:

- **Tuesday 13 January from 10 am – 12 midday at The Corn Exchange, St. Johns Street, Devizes SN10 1BN**
- **Tuesday 20 January from 2- 4 pm at The Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF**

Online version of the questionnaire: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/dementiastrategyconsultation-2>

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