

## Partner Update – Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living – South West Wiltshire Area Board

Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living is a Disabled People's user led organization.

Our aim is to ensure that all people in Wiltshire can live the life they choose as valued members of their community.

We support people to live independently and well and to have a voice. Our main activities are:

- Supporting people who receive direct payment from Wilts Council to employ their own care
- Promoting PA opportunities, with a PA register and promotional events (PAs provide paid care and support so that people can live independently)
- Providing varied opportunities for disabled people to have a voice and co-produce local services.
- Supporting all our communities to be inclusive and welcoming through the Make Someone Welcome campaign
- Providing awareness raising sessions on disability issues and wider community development work
- Providing a community connector service, working alongside people in the community who want to get back to living well after they have experienced issues that have prevented this

We have several partners who commission us to do this work, including Wiltshire council, Wilts ICS and local Primary Care Networks (G.P practices)

All our work starts with this question: 'what does a Good life look like to you and what do you need to live it'. We have used this question in our forums, consultations and all our 1:1 work, and we now have over 2000 responses from disabled people in Wiltshire. Disability is defined broadly and includes physical disability, dual sensory, mental health issues, learning disability and Autism.

The PowerPoint slide pack is a synthesis of all the responses to this question, providing a unique knowledge base for decision makers and planners. The messages are simple, yet we know that we aren't achieving these things for all our residents. Please do use the findings in whatever way you find useful and contact us if you would like any further information/ conversations:  
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