



Area Board Update - March 2017

Healthwatch Wiltshire is a local independent organisation which exists to speak up for people on health and care. If you have used a service recently then we would like to hear from you. We use what people tell us when we meet with the commissioners and providers of services to make sure that they take account of your views and experiences.

End Of Life Care

New End of Life Care pages are live on the Your Care Your Support Wiltshire Website:

www.yourcareyoursupportwiltshire.org.uk/endoflifecare. We have consulted with the Wiltshire Carers Action Group, Wiltshire End Of Life Programme Board and end of life specialist staff at Bath RUH and Wiltshire Health & Care. The pages are a good starting point for people who have questions about end of life care.



We are working on listing providers of end of life services for the service directory, which does include providers of palliative medicines. If anyone has any suggestions about other providers to share, then please let us know.

During the course of our research, we have found that Marie Curie have also drafted pages which will help health and social care workers expand their knowledge of palliative care - www.mariecurie.org.uk/professionals/palliative-care-knowledge-zone

Similarly, Facebook have addressed the digital legacy issue by allowing you to nominate someone who can be your legacy contact. You can add, change or remove a legacy contact on Facebook through this link: www.facebook.com/help/1070665206293088?helpref=related, but chat to the person you're nominating first though!

Finally, March 2017 is Free Wills Month. Members of the public aged 55 and over can contact one of the firms of solicitors participating in the Free Wills Month campaign to request an appointment. There is also a downloadable will planner at <https://freewillsmoonth.org.uk/>.

These links will be worked into the end of life pages shortly.

Would you like to join the Healthwatch Wiltshire board?

Change is an inevitable part of the successful development of any organisation, and Healthwatch Wiltshire is no exception. Since it was set up in March 2013, Healthwatch Wiltshire has evolved to become a trusted and valued part of the local health and social care scene.

The original directors were appointed for a period of three years, with an option to extend their terms of office for a further two years. This ensures that membership of the Board is periodically refreshed, at the same time as ensuring continuity and a smooth handover of responsibilities. We are always on the lookout for local people who would like to use their passion and commitment to support others to speak out and influence the future of health and care in Wiltshire! If you would like to be considered, please download the recruitment pack from the Healthwatch Wiltshire website www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Board-Pack-Final.pdf



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