

# Area Board Update May 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.



### Marking a milestone

An online directory with an extensive list of health and social care services in Wiltshire has almost doubled in size since its launch two years ago.

The 'Your Care Your Support Wiltshire' website was launched in 2015 and now has 764 entries on the service directory. Services range from hearing aid repair clinics, foodbanks, meal providers, to long term condition support groups.

To make services easy to find, they are grouped around themes such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes, stroke, or palliative care. A hashtag has also been created - #makesomeonewelcome - for groups and clubs identified as going the extra mile in welcoming new people.

During the last two months, 150 directory entries have been added including links to videos about 'Men's Sheds' and 'The Learning Curve'.

Claire Cooper, Information Research and Web Content Officer, said: "Thank you to the volunteers, groups, Community Engagement Managers, Older People and Carers Champions and stakeholders who help keep Your Care Your Support Wiltshire up to date."

## Marking our impact

#### Do you want to know the impact of our work in Wiltshire?

Healthwatch Wiltshire engages with people throughout the county to find out their experiences of using health and social care service. We use this information to feedback to the boards and groups who provide and buy these services.

We have produced a range of 'You Said, We Did' reports to illustrate the work carried out over the last year and what happened as a result of the feedback which people gave to us.

The reports, which cover a range of topics such as complaints, dementia and carers, are available at healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

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