Area Board Update April 2019





Share your views and help make local NHS services better



It's your NHS. Have your say.

Healthwatch Wiltshire has launched a series of activities to encourage the people of Wiltshire to have their say about the future of the NHS in our area.

Through the What Would You Do? campaign, we will seek to reach as many people, groups, and communities as possible to get feedback on how local NHS services should change.

The Government is investing £20 billion a year in the NHS as part of the NHS Long Term Plan. Local organisations have now been asked to work together to develop their own plans, which will set out how the national plan will work across local areas.

The public are being asked for their views about how services could be improved. They will also be asked to share their ideas on how people can live healthier lives and what improvements they think could be made to help people access services quickly.

People can give their feedback in this online survey: www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do-general

We are also looking for views on how care could be improved for people with long term conditions at www.healthwatch.co.uk/tell-us-what-would-you-do.

All responses are anonymous.

We are particularly keen to hear how services could be improved for older people and how people think GP surgeries can work more closely with other services, such as hospitals, pharmacies, mental health and social care, to improve care for people with long term conditions.

Stacey Plumb, Manager at Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: "Health and care services only work when the voices of the people who use them are heard. This is a once in a generation chance for local people to help decide where this extra money from Government should be spent on our NHS services in Wiltshire.

"We want to hear from as many people as possible about what works, what doesn't and how they think local services should be improved. No matter how big or small the issue, we want to hear about it. Sharing your experience with us is quick and easy - and could make a big difference."

We'll also be out and about across Wiltshire to listen to your views. Visit our Events page on our new-look website for details, where you'll also find local people's stories about what they would do to improve services in Wiltshire.