

## **Malmesbury Area Board 3 March 2010**

### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **NHS Out of Hours Service**

From 1 April 2010 the Out of Hours service will be provided by Wiltshire Medical Services, which is run by local GPs. The service will be run from all existing sites, plus a number of additional sites, to improve access for patients.

A communications campaign for patients is currently being developed, which will be launched in the weeks leading up to 1 April. NHS Wiltshire has no further comment to make but is keen to stop any further speculation about cuts in services.

#### **Waste Consultation**

A planned public consultation into possible changes to Wiltshire's waste and recycling service which was due to start shortly, will now not take place until after the General Election.

The reason for this decision is that there appear to be differing national policies regarding future waste and recycling services emerging from Whitehall which have caused confusion and uncertainty. It would, therefore be inappropriate to hold a consultation until the council has a clear steer on the national policy following the General Election.

We wish to apologise to local people for having to withdraw this consultation which we had committed to, but we did not want to waste local people's time or money in seeking their views when we might be unable to implement their preferred option.

In the meantime, our waste and recycling services will continue to operate as currently provided.