

Extra Care Working Group

In January 2011 North Wiltshire District Council originally announced in its North Wiltshire Plan for a 40 bed Extra Care Unit in Cricklade, this proposal was subsequently withdrawn.

As the Extra Care facility was not going to happen, alternative options were explored. Wiltshire Council recommended that the Working Group hold a consultation to better understand the needs of older people living in Cricklade, and whether there was a demand for a “virtual extra care provision.”

To maximise feedback, an event was held on the 15 May 2015 to promote the consultation and existing health, advice and support services. The Working Group would like to thank the community for taking part, all the organisations who attended and the volunteers for producing such a successful and informative session.

The latest Joint Strategic Assessment outlines the issue of a high percentage of older people in Wiltshire and RWB and Cricklade has one of the highest ratios.

2011 Census	RWB & Cricklade Area	Wiltshire area
Increase in retirement age population	38.5%	24.4%
Increase in over 85s since 2001	66.7%	34.8%

The over 85 age group increased markedly, a trend that is expected to continue in the future. This is important as adult social care costs rise significantly in the 85+ age group.

General **Findings** from the consultation event:

- The majority of residents wish to remain in their homes for as long as possible, and would be prepared to pay for 24/7 care if available.
- As a rural area with limited public transport, access to services is a real problem.
- There is a need for local advice and sign posting e.g. CAB, WC officers, organisations who can help with day to day issues.
- There is a need to plan proactive steps in a care process from living independently in the family home to a progression of downsizing or adaptation of properties to eventual supported living or nursing care.

General **Recommendations** from consultation:

- There is a need for a mix of support services in the centre of the Town (for accessibility), also support in individual's homes and latterly a nursing/care facility
- Any new housing provision should take account of the need for smaller and adaptable units
- There needs to be a local group, coordinating the service requirements and creating a “virtual” extra care facility using all current appropriate facilities
- Wiltshire Council to work with the Working Group and care agencies, in coordinating the service requirements and creating a “virtual” extra care facility using all current appropriate facilities

Proposal from the Extra Care Working Group:

- Working with as part of the SCOB, to set up a “virtual” Extra Care Model in Cricklade now, and prioritise the provision of a nursing/care facility within Cricklade.
- Work with commercial developers and the local Neighbourhood Planning Group on the need for specific types of property

- Work with commercial developers and the local Neighbourhood Planning Group on the need for a nursing/care facility (even if necessary to locate outside the existing framework boundary)

Motion

That the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board support the report and the recommendations outlined and work through the SCOB/Extra Care Working Group to aid the process with the help of the new Community Engagement Officer role.

“Cricklade - Your Home for Life” event – many of the organisations that took part (plus nearly 300 members of the public).

Organisations with local presence

Cricklade Leisure Centre
Cricklade Link
Cricklade Open Door
Good neighbour scheme
WC Library Services
Wiltshire Online
Cricklade WI
RWB & Cricklade Area Board.

Health

GP Care Coordinator
Infection control, ticks & shingles innoc.
Health trainer
Stop smoking & blood pressure checks
Alzheimer's Society
Hearing & Vision
Stroke Association
Dementia Friends session

Support services

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue
Cruse
Bobby Van
Aster Living
Independent Living (Wiltshire CIL)
WC Financial Advisor
Adult Care incl Care Act/cap advice
Healthwatch Information Portal
Leonard Cheshire
Carer Support
Medvivo (Telecare)
Wiltshire Farm Foods
Housing & Care 21 (Extra Care facilities)
Age UK
WSUN
Mediquip Van