

Wiltshire & Swindon Users' Network Membership Form

I wish to become a member of WSUN

Name: _____

(please print name)

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Of the groups listed below, please tick any that you feel you belong to:

- People with a sensory impairment
- People with a physical impairment
- People with hidden impairments
such as mental health experiences
- People with learning difficulties
- Older people

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Why should you join us?

You can meet other service users to share your views and ideas
It will give you a chance to tell the people who work in the services you use:

- What you like and what is good

OR

- What you don't like and what is bad

You could help to interview people for jobs in Health and Social Services.

You could join a group advising on services you need or examining the quality of those provided.

Whatever you choose to do, we will give you all the support we can.

We will pay authorised travel expenses but ask that you use your own or public transport where possible, to be more independent and help us to keep within our transport budget.

WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON USERS' NETWORK

Supporting service users to speak out

Independent Living Centre
St. George's Road
Semington
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Email: info.wsun@btconnect.com

You can view our website on:
www.wsun.co.uk

You can view our Twitter account:
www.twitter.com/WSUsersNetwork

or you can find us on Facebook
"George Place Wsun"

Who are we?

We are people who receive services or payments from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, or who use public, community or NHS health services, and have got together to form a Network group.

The Users' Network was formed in November 1991 and it is led by a Management Committee. Any member can be elected to the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting every year.

All members are service users and it is important we offer support to them.

We work to the principles of Social Inclusion as laid out in the 2010 Single Equalities Act.

We also have an award winning project and support people to travel independently on public transport.

What are our Aims?

- To give people the chance to be heard
- To help people work with us in a good way
- To work towards changing services to meet our needs
- To challenge poor ways of working

Our work is based on the Social Model of Disability which looks to break down the attitudes, environmental and organisational barriers that have been imposed by society.

This means telling people what you want, rather than giving you what they *think* you need.



Who is the Users' Network for?

Anyone aged 18 years or over, who lives in Swindon or Wiltshire, who uses public or community services.

These include:

- People with a sensory impairment
- People with a physical impairment
- People with hidden impairments such as mental health experiences
- People with learning difficulties
- Older people

OR

If you have an interest in any of these areas you may wish to become an Associate Member.

