

PRESS RELEASE

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Local patient Watchdog helping people to have their say on specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire

Healthwatch Wiltshire, the independent consumer champion for health and social care in Wiltshire is urging local people to have their say on the future location of specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire.

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is consulting on the permanent location of specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire. At the moment, this care is temporarily located at Amblescroft South in Salisbury.

To help them make a decision about where this care should be, Wiltshire NHS CCG want to hear what local people think. The consultation will run from December 1st until 10th March 2015.

Specialist dementia hospital care is used by those who have advanced dementia at times when they need specialist healthcare relating to their condition. In Wiltshire less than 120 people need these specialist hospital services per year.

Three options are being consulted upon:

1. Charter House, Trowbridge
2. Avebury Ward, Green Lane Hospital, Devizes
3. Amblescroft South, Fountain Way Salisbury

Healthwatch Wiltshire is running three public meetings around the county where local people can come along and find out more about the consultation, talk to someone from NHS Wiltshire CCG and have their say.

Monday 8th December 2014 at The Civic Centre, Trowbridge from 2-4pm

Tuesday 13th January 2015 at The Corn Exchange, Devizes from 10am – 12 midday

Tuesday 20th January 2015 at Salisbury Methodist Church from 2-4pm.

If people are unable to come along to the events they can still have their say by filling in the online consultation survey:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/dementiastrategyconsultation-2>. Alternatively, they can give their views directly to Healthwatch Wiltshire on email: info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk or by phone on: 01225 434218.

Healthwatch Wiltshire will publish a report based on what Wiltshire people think after the consultation finishes on 10th March 2015.

Chris Graves Chair of Healthwatch Wiltshire said: Although only a small number of people need to use these specialist services each year, we still believe that it is important for people to have the chance to put their views forward. We therefore welcome the opportunity to be involved in this consultation and would encourage people to get involved either by coming along to one of the meetings, filling in the survey or contacting us by phone or email.

For further information about the press release call 01225 434218 or email info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

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About Healthwatch Wiltshire

Healthwatch Wiltshire is the independent consumer champion for health and social care in Wiltshire. Healthwatch Wiltshire is an independent organisation which has an important role in assessing the quality of health and social care services today and influencing the design of services for tomorrow. We want to make sure that the people who use these services have a say in how they are shaped and that their overall views and experiences are heard and taken seriously. Healthwatch Wiltshire is part of the Healthwatch national network, established by the Government to ensure local patients and users have a greater input to shaping local services.



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