



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Westminster Hospital Working Group

**Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> February 2017, 5:30pm at Shaftesbury Town Hall**

#### **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Notes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>TH</sup> February 2017
3. Proposed Sub-Group and the report proposed by Melanie Froggatt
4. Feedback from the Public Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017
  - Response from Tim Goodson to questions raised – see **Appendix A** below
5. Report from Julian Prichard, Save our Beds Campaign
6. Reports and feedback from stakeholders
7. Any other business
  - Future of the WMH Working Group
8. Date of next meeting : Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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#### **Appendix A**

From Tim Goodson, Dorset CCG

#### In response to questions raised at the Public Meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

In relation to the concerns raised around the consultation in South Wiltshire I can provide the following summary. I have replied to Dr Andrew Murrison MP request at the meeting to this effect.

Our detailed plan for public engagement during our three month public consultation was designed to be proportionate to the population size in all the areas likely to be affected by our proposals, including areas outside of Dorset in Wiltshire, Hampshire, Devon and Somerset. To provide some context, throughout 2015/16, 198 inpatients were treated at the WMH, and of these, 7 were registered with GP practices that are

not located in the county of Dorset. To ensure residents are aware of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to provide their feedback, we have worked closely with colleagues in these areas. In Wiltshire, this includes:

- NHS Wiltshire CCG – who have distributed information to and sought to involve Wiltshire patient groups and local GP surgeries, including in Mere, Tisbury, Hindon and Silton in Gillingham. They have also promoted the consultation via social media channels.
- GP surgeries – those mentioned above were offered consultation documents for their patients.
- Healthwatch Wiltshire – who have distributed information to their area contacts and promoted the consultation via their website and social media channels.
- Wiltshire Council South West Communities Engagement Manager – who has distributed information to each of the area boards made up of parish councillors and other community group managers.
- Salisbury District Hospital Communications Department – which is promoting the Clinical Services Review (CSR) via their website and social media channels.
- Mere Town Council – who have received copies of our consultation document and information.

In addition, we have promoted the CSR and public events through paid advertising on Facebook which reaches areas around the Dorset/Wiltshire border and extends as far as Warminster.

We have advertised, run a regular health column, written a letter to the editor and reported news features in the Blackmore Vale Newspaper which is distributed in Wiltshire.

Dr Simone Yule, has also been interviewed about the proposals on the local radio station, BBC Wiltshire.

We have two CSR pop-up events arranged in Tisbury (Tuesday 21 February) and Mere (Thursday 23 February) which will be advertised widely. These will help to raise awareness of the proposals and give local people an opportunity to collect a consultation document. Please feel free to share the attachments on these events.

Residents from areas in Wiltshire who may be affected by the proposals are also included in the randomised residential telephone interviews that are currently taking place by Opinion Research Services (ORS), an independent research company who are analysing all questionnaires and feedback received during the public consultation.

ORS have already received completed consultation responses from Wiltshire residents, local groups and parish councils (including Fonthill and Gifford Parish Council) which indicate that the information is reaching the local population, allowing them to take part in the public consultation.

It is also worth noting that all GP surgeries and hospitals in Dorset received copies of the consultation document for their patients. Wiltshire residents who use these

services have been able to collect copies from these locations since the start of the public consultation.

At the invitation of Dr Richard Tippins (former mayor of Shaftesbury), we attended two public meetings in Shaftesbury where we presented on the CSR and took questions from the audience. As you know we attended the meeting on Wednesday to discuss the CSR. All of these meetings have been well attended and have included Wiltshire residents, councillors and local South West Wiltshire MP, Dr Andrew Murrison.

We also held a CSR public drop-in event in Shaftesbury on 10 January and seven CSR pop-up events in the North Dorset area where clinicians and CCG staff have spoken with local people about the proposals.