Specialist Dementia Hospital Care Consultation

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Specialist Dementia Care in Wiltshire

We are thinking about where we give specialist care for people with dementia in Wiltshire.

Dementia is a health problem where people become forgetful, confused and sometimes frightened.

Some people who have dementia need to stay in a special dementia hospital so that they can stay safe and well.

In Wiltshire less than 120 people need this special hospital service each year.
At the moment we provide the specialist dementia care at Amblescroft South, Fountain Way, Salisbury.

We are also able to buy a specialist dementia service from the Victoria Centre in Swindon and St. Martin’s Hospital in Bath.

The service at Amblescroft South is temporary. We want to choose a permanent place for these services.

In the past we have also had specialist dementia beds at Charter House in Trowbridge. These have been moved to Amblescroft for the time being because we could not provide good enough care at Charter House.
What people said

We asked people what they wanted from dementia services in Wiltshire.

People said:-

- They wanted patients to live independently at home for as long as possible

- We should have plans for people who live alone or in the countryside or who aren’t close to a bus service
We need to find out if people have dementia early so that people can get treatment as soon as possible.

The Options

We are looking at where we should put our specialist dementia unit.

We have 3 options

1. Charter House in Trowbridge

2. Avebury Ward, Green Lane Hospital in Devizes

3. Amblescroft South, Fountain Way in Salisbury
Option 1.

Move the specialist dementia hospital services to Charter House, Trowbridge.

We would rebuild Charter House so that it is a high quality modern building.

In the new building we would be able to give the highest quality health care.

But..

- Charter House would be a separate building just dealing with people with dementia. There would not be other people working in the same building who could help in an emergency.
Also, there would be a split in the specialist services we provide for older people - some in Salisbury and some in Trowbridge.

Many of the dementia patients have other long term illnesses and need to be able to get to hospital. The nearest District General Hospital is Royal United Hospital which is 12 miles away - a 30 minute drive.

**Cost**

Work on the building would cost £5m.

Running costs would be about £2.2m a year.
Option 2.

Move the specialist dementia hospital services to Avebury Ward, Green Lane Hospital in Devizes.

This option would involve closing the 20 beds at Amblescroft South and doing up Avebury Ward at Green Lane Hospital.

When it is finished the building will be top quality and will help us to give the highest quality health care.

It would be a 20 bed specialist dementia unit in the middle of the county.
There would be medical staff close by in an emergency because the unit would be set within a larger hospital.

This also means that different parts of the hospital could share things easily if needed.

**But.....**

If Amblescroft South were to close there would be split in the specialist services that we provide for older people. Some would be in Salisbury and some in Devizes.

Also it would be further for patients to get to a District General Hospital if they need it.
Cost

Work on the building would cost £3m.

Running costs would be about £2m a year.
Option 3

To keep the services at Amblescroft South, Salisbury as the only specialist dementia services in Wiltshire.

Both Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council like this option best.

This option would be to keep things as they are. There is no need for any new building.

It is close to a District General Hospital, so patients can get other specialist health care quickly if needed.
The Amblescroft South unit is right next to other specialist units for older people. It will be possible to share staff and resources when we need to.

But...

Salisbury is a long way from many parts of Wiltshire. Carers, family members and friends will have much further to travel.

Costs

There would be no cost of doing up a building

Running costs would be about £1m a year.
What do you think?

1. Which option do you prefer?

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3

2. Why do you say that?
3. Which Option is worst?

☐ Option 1
☐ Option 2
☐ Option 3

4. Why do you say that?

5. Options 1 and 2 both will cost more money. How should we pay for this?
Healthwatch Wiltshire wants to know what you think about the options.

Healthwatch Wiltshire will write a report on what people think about the options. The report will be available for everyone to read and it will help a decision to be made.

Please complete by 28th February 2015 and post it to...

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