

# Equipment users and carers invited to new Independent Living Forum



Healthwatch Wiltshire is hosting a new forum to hear what local people think of a service which helps them to live more independently at home.

We've joined forces with Medequip, which runs the Wiltshire Community

Equipment Service, to launch the **Independent Living Open Forum**.

The forum, taking place from **10.30pm-12pm** on **Wednesday 16 November**, is open to anyone who uses the Wiltshire Community Equipment Service, or cares for someone who does.

The free event will provide a friendly space for people to share their views and experiences directly with frontline staff at Medequip.

You can join the forum either on Zoom or in person, at the Independent Living Centre in Semington, near Trowbridge.

Find out more and book your place today!

#### **Book your place**





# Volunteers review GP websites and devise best practice checklist

How useful, accessible and informative are GP surgery websites in Wiltshire? Our intrepid team of volunteers looked at each one and came up with a handy checklist.

#### **Read more**



## Joint report focuses on accessing services during pandemic

We worked with Healthwatch B&NES and Healthwatch Swindon to find out how people with mental ill health accessed local services during the pandemic.

#### **Find out more**



## **Opportunities**



#### Join our mental health forum

Are mental health services in Wiltshire working for you? Join our free online Mental Health Open Forum to talk about your experiences directly with those who run services.

#### Find out more



#### Volunteer with us

Our volunteers help us reach out to people across Wiltshire to listen to their experiences of health and social care services. There are lots of ways to get involved - and you can do as much or as little as you like.

#### **Find out more**

#### Get involved



### **Information**



What you need to know about flu



Learn how NHS 111 can help you

With experts predicting an early wave of flu, as well as a rise in Covid cases, know the signs and symptoms of seasonal influenza and who is eligible for a free vaccine.

The NHS wants to make it easier and safer for patients to get the right treatment when they need it, without waiting a long time to be seen in A&E.

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#### More advice and information



You can help improve care for you, your loved ones and your community by sharing your experiences of services with us. Get in touch to tell us what you think.

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