

SOUTH WILTSHIRE PPI FORUM

WORK PLAN

- ◆ The majority of Forum members have limited knowledge of the NHS and the local organisation's delivery of health care. Mapping is therefore a priority task to determine local needs and how the Forum can best use its limited resources.
- ◆ However, the new GP Contract and the changes to the 'Out of Hours' service has been identified as a major topic for formal public consultation to ensure that the new arrangements provide a safe and timely service, particularly to patients in rural Wiltshire.
- ◆ Action to reduce delayed discharges (bed blocking) is under scrutiny by the District Council OSC panel. In support, the Forum may investigate the availability of therapists (physio / occupational / etc.) working in the community plus the 'medical support' arrangements, particularly at night and weekends.
- ◆ As the PCT overspent in 2003-04, the resultant cuts in Salisbury District Hospital will be considered at a Formal meeting when commissioning plans become clearer.
- ◆ The Forum, with the Salisbury Healthcare Forum, will endeavour to protect the most vulnerable members of the public/patients.
- ◆ The Forum will develop links with PCT management and steering committees as non-voting advisory members.
- ◆ The Forum will encourage and monitor the development of PALS in General Practice
- ◆ The Forum will consider the demography of South Wiltshire to develop diversity and advice on decision making on health matters.