

Dear all,

Please find information below on:-

- **GP Practices shine by endorsing Somerset's Commitment to Carers**
- **Public Consultation on Pharmacy Services in Somerset 2017**
- **Gas Locking Cooker Valve**
  
- **Useful website links:**
  - [www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk](http://www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk)
  - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/tag/nhs-citizen/>
  - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/get-our-newsletter>
  - [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)
  - [www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk](http://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)
  - <http://healthwatchesomerset.co.uk/>

Please share this with colleagues who may be interested in being added to the circulation list to receive the bulletin regularly. Please contact me on [susan.lilley@somersetccg.nhs.uk](mailto:susan.lilley@somersetccg.nhs.uk) if you have any information you would like added to future PPG bulletins.

Kind regards

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## **Subject: GP Practices shine by endorsing Somerset's Commitment to Carers**

Would you like your practice to be recognised for supporting the lives of unpaid carers in Somerset?

Your practice can gain recognition by endorsing Somerset's Commitment to Carers and you would automatically be granted membership of Carers' Voice

Somerset. This is the influencing body for unpaid carers in Somerset and you would be joining carers, former carers, commissioners and service providers to determine new and improved ways of supporting carers in Somerset.

If you endorse our Commitment; you will also be included within our Commitment Award Scheme. This provides an opportunity for your practice to demonstrate its support for unpaid carers and shine with either a bronze, silver or gold award.

The application form to formally endorse Somerset's Commitment to Carers is attached.

If you are interested in endorsing Somerset's Commitment to Carers we would like to hear from you.

For more information please contact Debbie the Carers' Voice Project Officer at: [dpenny@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:dpenny@somerset.gov.uk) or [carersvoicesomerset@outlook.com](mailto:carersvoicesomerset@outlook.com)

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## **Subject: Public Consultation on Pharmacy Services in Somerset 2017**

Somerset's health and wellbeing board has a duty to assess whether community pharmacies and dispensing doctors are available in the right places and at the right times. We want to make sure they are providing the right services for local people at the moment and would be grateful for your help. If you use your local pharmacy or dispensing GP practice please tell us what you need from the service, if you have any problems getting access to them and whether or not they are providing the right service to you.

Your answers will help us to write the Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018, which will be used when planning our community pharmacy services.

Please visit the [survey web page](http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/PNA2018test/answerQuestionnaire?qid=4509443) at <http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/PNA2018test/answerQuestionnaire?qid=4509443> or phone 01823 357266 for a paper copy.

This consultation is running until 31st July 2017. The current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is published at <http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/pna.html>.

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## **Subject: Gas Locking Cooker Valve**

**SGN** have introduced a **locking cooker valve** which is designed for use with all age groups and all vulnerabilities. The valve **allows carers to lock off the gas supply so the cooker cannot be used unless the key holder is present**. All gas distribution networks will now install the valve for **free**.

Click [here](#) for further details.

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