

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear all,

Today's bulletin includes items on:-

- **The Somerset Stronger Communities Life Chances Development Project**
- **Dementia Friends Information Sessions**
- **Surviving Winter Grant – Are you eligible?**

- **Useful website links:**
 - www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk
 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/get-involved/how/nhs-citizen>
 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/get-our-newsletter>
 - www.cqc.org.uk
 - 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 receiving this regularly.

Please contact me on susan.lilley@nhs.net if you have any information you would like added to future bulletins.

Kind regards,

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Subject : The Somerset Stronger Communities Life Chances Development Project

The Somerset Stronger Communities Project aims to help people with health or care needs find information, advice and support in communities and the voluntary sector so they can better manage their long-term conditions and live as well and independently as they possibly can.

The project - supported by grant funding from the Life Chances Fund and the SW AHSN - is now in a development phase with research and financial feasibility testing underway. This includes a rapid review of existing practice by the University of West England and series of community research events.

If you are interested to find out more or think you can contribute to the work in any way then please see the attached background briefing for further details or contact the Richmond Group Somerset Programme Manager Aimie Cole: aimiecole@mac.com

Subject: Dementia Friends Information Sessions

Please find attached details on “Making Shepton Mallet Dementia Friendly” together with the Dementia Friends Information Sessions which are being held on:-

Wednesday 14th March at 6pm

St. Cecilia Nursing Home,
1 Hitchen Lane, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5TZ

Tuesday 20th March at 6pm

Council Chamber at Mendip District Council,
Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT

These sessions are open to people both within and beyond Mendip. For more information or to reserve a place please contact:-

Peter Hillman Mobile: 07970 665036 Email: gphillman@hotmail.com

Subject : Surviving Winter Grant – Are you eligible?

Citizens Advice South Somerset have grants for people over 60.

Older people (60 plus) on a low income and living independently (not in care) are eligible for a Surviving Winter Grant of £150.

This is a very simple application process. The grant can be used for any purpose to keep the person warm and active over winter.

**Email Julia@citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk or
phone: 01935 847 665**