



## Age Friendly Island Public Forum

### Feedback – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

**Total number of attendees across all three forums: 37**

#### **1. Review of previous report**

Age Friendly Surgeries: The final product is now available on NHS England's website [www.england.nhs.uk/participation/success/communitygrants2016/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/success/communitygrants2016/) We will publishing hard copies of the toolkit, so if you are a member of your surgery's Patient Participation Group, please get in touch!

#### **2. Exploring Employment**

This exercise explored the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (S.W.O.T.) of having older employees. There was a lot to celebrate! The next step is to develop a tool to support employers to be 'Age Friendly' by finding creative ways to utilise experience (mentoring, training, welfare support) whilst working to address some of the challenges (transport, planning for retirement and accessing skills training). There were also opportunities to share ideas e.g. The Age of No Retirement [www.ageofnoretirement.org](http://www.ageofnoretirement.org). For a full copy of the transcript/ideas, please email me! For details of Learning Links and the training they offer, please visit <http://new.learninglinks.co.uk/>

#### **3. Isle of Wight Against Scams Partnership (IWASP)**

This exercise explored people's experiences of scams and ways in which resilience can be built. Areas for development include ensuring, where possible, all printed material meets accessibility guidelines, a reminder card to put by front door/by telephone to remind people of key messages and sample things to say. Attendees wanted more awareness raising opportunities, to possibly develop a volunteer role to provide welfare support and ensure easy reporting of scams. A number of people volunteered at the forum to take door stickers and promote their circle of friends. An update of the how the IWASP is developing will be provided at the forums in June. For more door stickers, please contact Sally Ash at Trading Standards on tel: 823371. For a full transcript of the discussion, please get in touch.

To report any scams information: IW Trading Standards: 01983 823371  
[www.iwight.com/business/tradingstandards](http://www.iwight.com/business/tradingstandards) or Consumer Advice on tel: 0345 040506.

#### 4. Forum Feedback:

What Works Well: discussion in small groups, a range of speakers, efficient use of time, friendly atmosphere created, good interaction, time well spent.

Even Better If: Make sure it finishes in daylight (Newport) x 2, workshops.

The theme for the next forums in June will be **Outdoor Spaces**. Based on attendees' votes, we will be looking at green spaces and walkways, pavements and loos! I will be using the World Health Organisation criteria to structure these discussions.

[www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global\\_age\\_friendly\\_cities\\_Guide\\_English.pdf](http://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf)

We will also have Karen and Gill from Amey Waste Contractor present, be reviewing the term of reference for the forums and looking at where the gaps are in terms of services for older people. We will also have our Age Simulation suits and glasses, so you can see what we deliver in our Age Friendly Training. Phew!

#### Quarter 2 Forum Dates:

Date:	Venue:	Time:
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Riverside Centre, Newport	4.30-6.30
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	West Wight Sports Centre	10-12
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	All Saints Church Hall, Ryde	2.30-4.30

Please note the change of the Ryde venue. This was due to requests around the need for increased accessibility to the venue.

If you would like to be added to our Mail Chimp Newsletter for details of events, please let me know.

If you know of another group of people that would like to find out more about Age Friendly Island (e.g. Coffee mornings, social events), please contact Helen Lewis, AFI Development Officer on 525282 or [helen.lewis@ageukiw.org.uk](mailto:helen.lewis@ageukiw.org.uk). Thank you.

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