

Somerset Wheelchair Service Improvement Board

Are looking to recruit new members to meet four times a year, to discuss the current wheelchair service and how it might be improved.

Meetings are currently 'on-line' via TEAMS, but we plan to meet face to face later in the year.

Next meeting 26th April

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Good morning,

Wheelchair Users Engagement Group for Somerset

I have been tasked by the Somerset CCG to initiate a Wheelchair Users Engagement Board, to give a voice about the County's **NHS Wheelchair Service in Somerset**, to those who use a wheelchair, their family, or carers.

I am contacting you to request/ask/beg/plead your support. I would be grateful if you could inform your members/supporters/staff via your usual channels such as your newsletter, web page, social media, email, who use a wheelchair or have an interest in the **Somerset** service to consider joining in. Perhaps you could ask them to email or phone me if they are interested. There will be an agenda, with an open section for any constructive comments to be made and an opportunity to flag individual issue, to be dealt with off camera.

The very first meeting will be on 'TEAMS', towards the end of April. The date will be confirmed shortly. To listen to and support somerset wheelchair users, there will be representatives from the CCG, the Wheelchair Service provider, Millbrook Healthcare and invited guests from selected NHS service providers, equipment manufacturers and appropriate professionals. It is anticipated in the future, at a safe time, to have a 'hybrid' meeting, with the opportunity of face-to-face contact between delegates.

I and the many wheelchair users who cannot speak out hope you can assist and support this project.

Best regards,

**Community Health and Engagement Officer
Somerset Wheelchair Service**

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