

WILTSHIRE CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING KEY MESSAGES



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GOOD LIFE

In groups, in the community and in one-to-one conversations we have asked over **2000** people these 3 questions:

What does a good life look like to you?

What have you got to live that life?

What do you now need?

You said:

WE WANT WHAT YOU WANT

Everyone wants the same things to live well: a home, equal and meaningful relationships, to be valued and have purpose, to be hopeful about the future.

People need choice and control to live good, independent lives.

Everyone can be supported to live their good life



HOMES NOT INSTITUTIONS

People want to live in a place called home, where they have choice and control over all aspects of their daily lives

The homes people live in need to fit with who they are, this might mean living with others or on their own

A house is not a home if people don't feel that they belong and are safe in the place they live





RELATIONSHIPS REALLY MATTER

At the heart of a good life are meaningful relationships

Having people around us that we trust, and love can support us all to live well

Relationships work best when people value each other as equals

REAL CONNECTION IN REAL COMMUNITIES



Community is people not places. People want to be part of their community; a valued and active member

People might need some support to 'Access their community'. Support works best when it helps people to meet with others, help each other out, and enjoy each others company

Communities need to be fully accessible, accepting and safe for people



THE RIGHT SUPPORT

We may well need support, but we want the right support!

Independent living does not mean living without support

Support works best when provided by people that are liked, known, and trusted. It should be led by the people receiving it, enabling them to build on their strengths

Support should be about **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**, with family, friends and the wider community

The right support at the right time can stop people finding themselves in a crisis or unable to cope



MORE
AWARENESS

of different
disabilities



MORE
UNDERSTANDING,
ACCESSIBILITY
& EQUALITY
IN THE
COMMUNITY

AND

THE
WORKPLACE



BETTER
SOCIAL &
EMPLOYMENT
PROSPECTS

WE ARE NOT THERE YET

**‘Written off for
being different’**

There are many examples of people feeling excluded from normal everyday life, which includes our places of work and our communities

We now need to act and ensure that every Wiltshire resident and every professional involved in the health and social care system play their part to ensure that people get to live the lives they deserve

JOIN US AS A PIONEER!

We want your help in making sure services and systems are designed to support you to live your life well

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