

Recommendations response form for Mental health inpatients wards report to the JSNA. To be completed and returned by 6th February 2017

<p><b>1.1</b>      <b>The issue of availability of appropriate supported housing is highlighted as affecting timely and successful discharge to patients. Healthwatch Somerset ask the JSNA to share this research with commissioners of supported housing consult on the issue with commissioners and the Somerset Partnership NHS FoundationTrust. Healthwatch Somerset will ensure the Health &amp; Wellbeing board are aware of the issues related to supported housing and successful discharge.</b></p>	<p>We will add a link to your report on the Somerset Intelligence website here:  <a href="http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/ech-and-supported-housing.html">http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/ech-and-supported-housing.html</a></p>
<p><b>1.2</b>      <b>Regarding the difficulties recruiting qualified staff and the lack of a university in Somerset and provision to study nursing &amp; mental health nursing in the county; We ask the JSNA to comment on how they will use the information identified in the report and any next steps in addressing or further researching the issue.</b></p>	<p>For both 1.2 and 1.3 we would direct Healthwatch to the lead for workforce issues in the Sustainability and Transport Plan - Nick Macklin at Somerset Partnership (community hospitals and mental health).</p>

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<p><b>1.3</b>      <b>It is the view of Healthwatch Somerset that current young person's education provision in Wessex ward is inadequate and it is recommended that a review of the education service level agreement with the local authority is needed.</b></p>	
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