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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on changes to Place of Safety

Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is proposing to change the way it delivers services to people who are taken to the Trust's place of safety under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 2007. The proposed change relates to Wiltshire and Swindon.

The Trust is therefore consulting with stakeholders including service users, carers, families, voluntary and community groups in order to gauge their comments and feedback about the proposed changes.

The Trust currently provides place of safety suites located within the Fountain Way and Green Lane sites in Wiltshire and at Sandalwood Court in Swindon.

A review carried out by the Trust's clinical and operational executive team found that the Trust's places of safety were inadequate in terms of environment and staffing. This evaluation was supported by the Care Quality Commission's assessment.

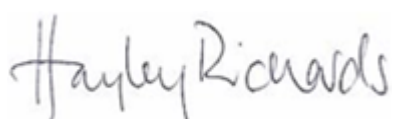
A number of options have been considered and the Trust is now consulting on a proposal to close the places of safety at Fountain Way and at Sandalwood Court and relocate them to Green Lane with four suites rather than the three currently available

I enclose a copy of the consultation paper which sets out the proposal in more detail and would be grateful for your comments.

The consultation is running for six weeks from 20 March 2017 to 30 April 2017 and will include public meetings. Feedback can also be given by [email](#) or by taking part in an [online survey](#).

More information about the events and the consultation is available on [AWP's website](#).

Yours faithfully



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