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The Continued Independence of Older People

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Video transcript

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales

All of us are going to be old in Wales at some point, we need to make sure that the services that are provided are those which are appropriate and which meet people's needs. Not necessarily what we design now, but what the users themselves want. And it's therefore significant that we're having a seminar, doing it jointly with the Older People's Commissioner. I see this as part of a development of partnerships between the Commissioners and ourselves. Bringing their studies, bringing their experiences to bear and helping the public sector in Wales adapt.

Neil Williams, Care and Repair Cymru

My workshop today was about essentially older people and the challenges they face in terms of their own homes. Delivering the message that our services are in older people's homes, they're delivered from older people's homes and we tailor those services to their particular needs. An added benefit is to the health and social care sector, where obviously we can relieve pressures by ensuring people's independence.

I want delegates to be more aware that we are a service that increasingly if targeted well, can make an enormous and significant impact on the lives of older people and relieve those pressures on very pressurised statutory services.

Christopher Edwards, Vale of Glamorgan Council

My workshop today is going to be about the pop-up library in Barry. It's a service that we offer to care homes just in the town of Barry. We operate it from the main library, and it really supports reading in care homes for those people who can't get out obviously to get a book for themselves from the library and maybe those who haven't got access to books within the care home.

I think the main message I'd like delegates to go away with today is that we've introduced a fairly simple, low level service operating in care homes. It's not very expensive, it's something that can be duplicated throughout the Vale, because at the present we're only operating in Barry, but it could also be taken further afield as well. Something fairly simple, straightforward, comprehensive to introduce.