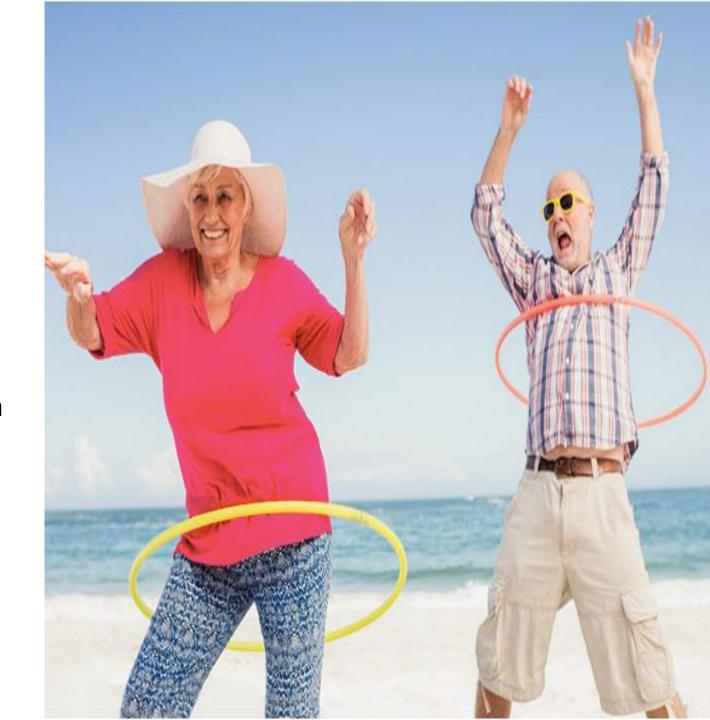
When I get old in Nottinghamshire

Report from World Café Conversations 13th and 14th November 2024

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When I Get Old (WIGO)

Brings together organisations, older people and people thinking about ageing

Creating a movement for change

We want **more choice** of care options for our older selves and the people we love

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and WIGO

- In November 2024 NCC invited WIGO to play a part in its annual learning and celebration event in Newark
- Over 200 Council staff gathered to explore experiences, learn, connect and celebrate success
- The event used World Café approaches to get people round tables, talking about a wide range of topics
- 2 days
- Engaging presentations
- 30 discussion topic tables
- Lots and lots of vibrant conversation

Some of the **30** table topics

Strengths based approaches and community maps

Inclusivity in the neurodivergent community

Community participation through occupational therapy

Sport for confidence

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Mental Capacity Act – the online community

Adult Social Care design – what placebased means

Singing for the brain

Co-production – making it happen

Tackling loneliness collaborative

Contributing to the deliver of the new Net Zero Framework



World Cafe and WIGO

- Table discussions happened 8 times over the 2 days
- On our table we introduced this challenge

We're all getting older. When we need help a care home or home 'calls' can be the only option. Lives of wisdom become lives of disconnection. Many of us pay a lot for something we dread. Is this what we actually want?

- 84 people joined in
- People had roles like social worker, community worker, elected member, senior manager, day centre worker, hospital discharge team member
- Many also had personal experience of supporting older friends and relatives

The questions we posed

- What is your experience of care and support – personally or for people you love?
- What are your aspirations

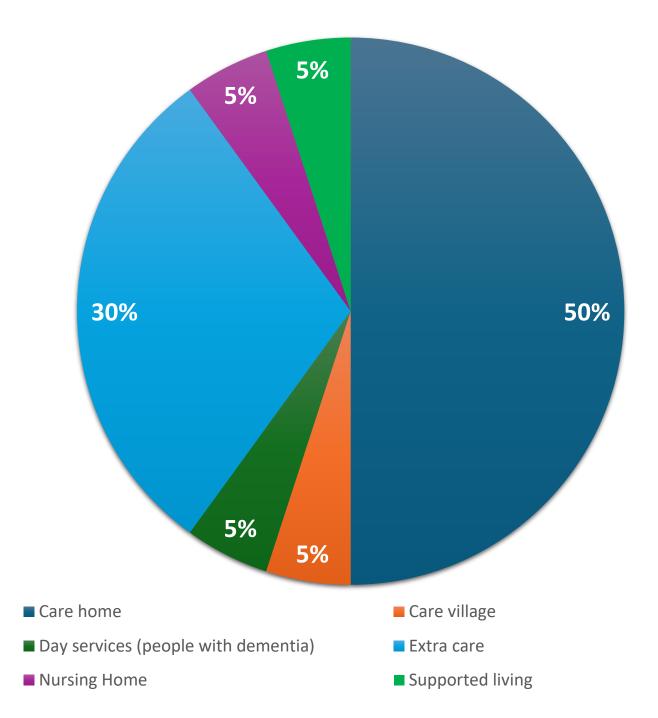
 what kind of care or
 support would you want
 for yourself or people you
 love in the future?



What is your **experience** of care and support – personally or for people you love?

What people told us

The types of care people and their loved ones had experienced



I visited my
Mum and
thought....I
don't want to
end up here

I saw my Mum
pass away and I
didn't like the
care that she got

I make care
arrangements for
people that I
would never
accept for my
family – it makes
me feel
hypocritical

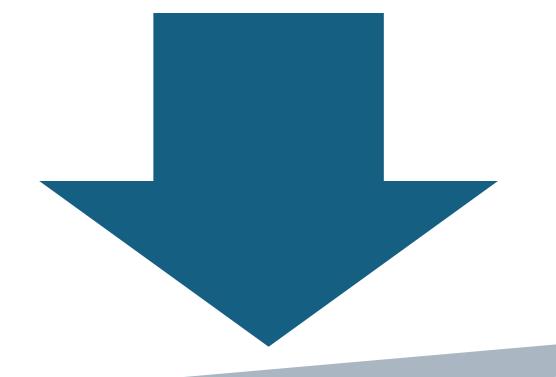
The person becomes a number

Self funders don't get support to choose

I visited a former colleague who spent 30 years as a social worker. She was in care home walking up and down the corridor with wet trousers and a stuffed bunny under her

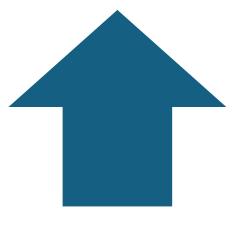
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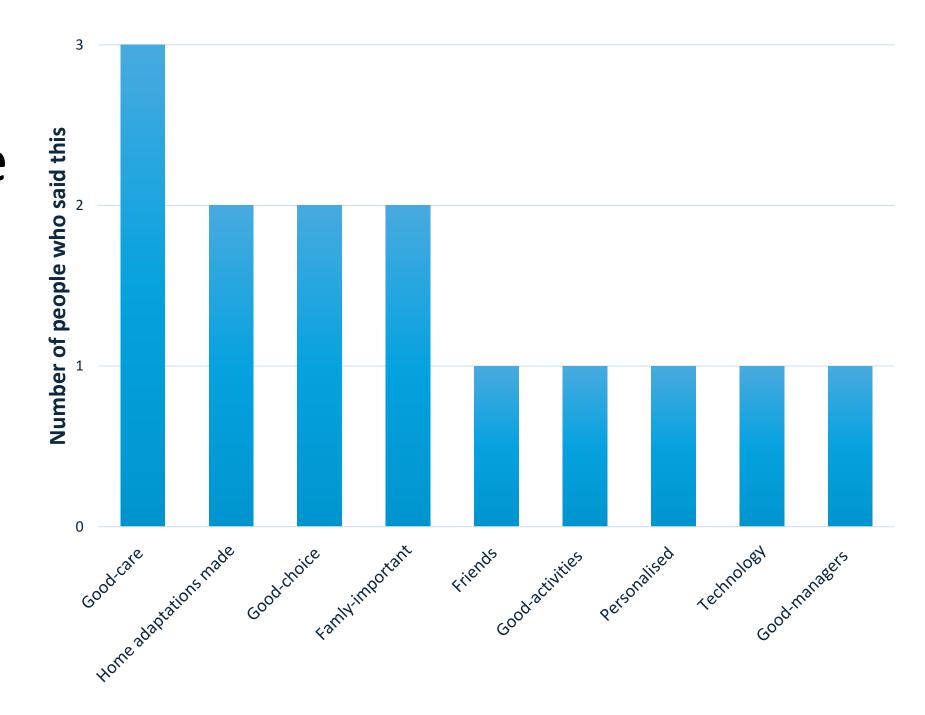


70 negative experiences shared

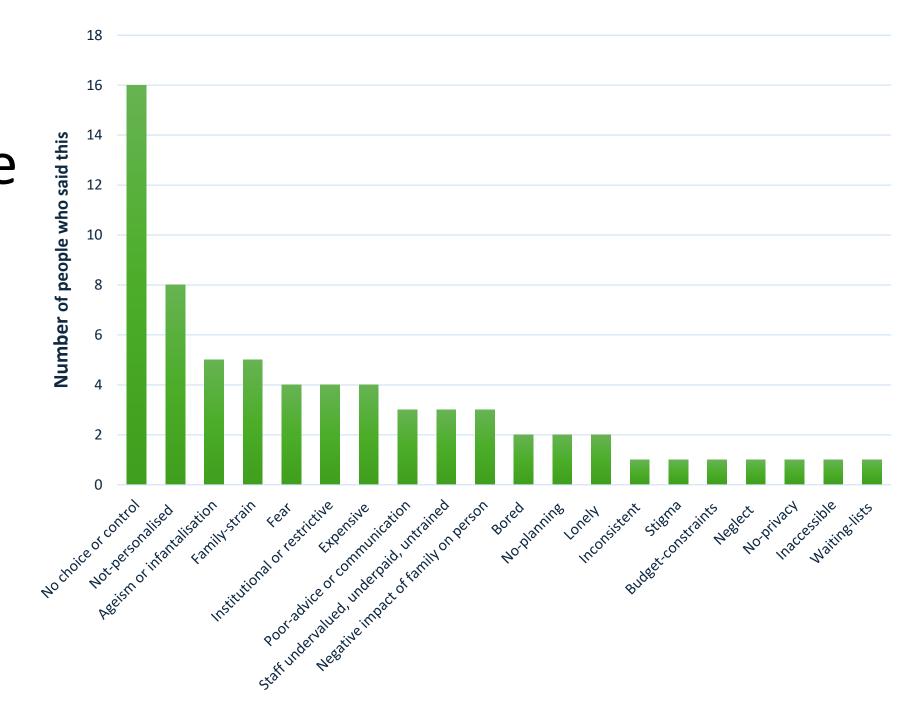
14 positive experiences shared



The positive things people said about their experience of care



The negative things people said about their experience of care



What are your **aspirations** – what kind of care or support would you want for yourself or people you love in the future?

What people told us

Types of care people aspire to get

Cooperatives

Extra care

Future-proofed, adapted property

Commune

None profit

Intentional village living

Live in care

Live in my own home

Cruise ship

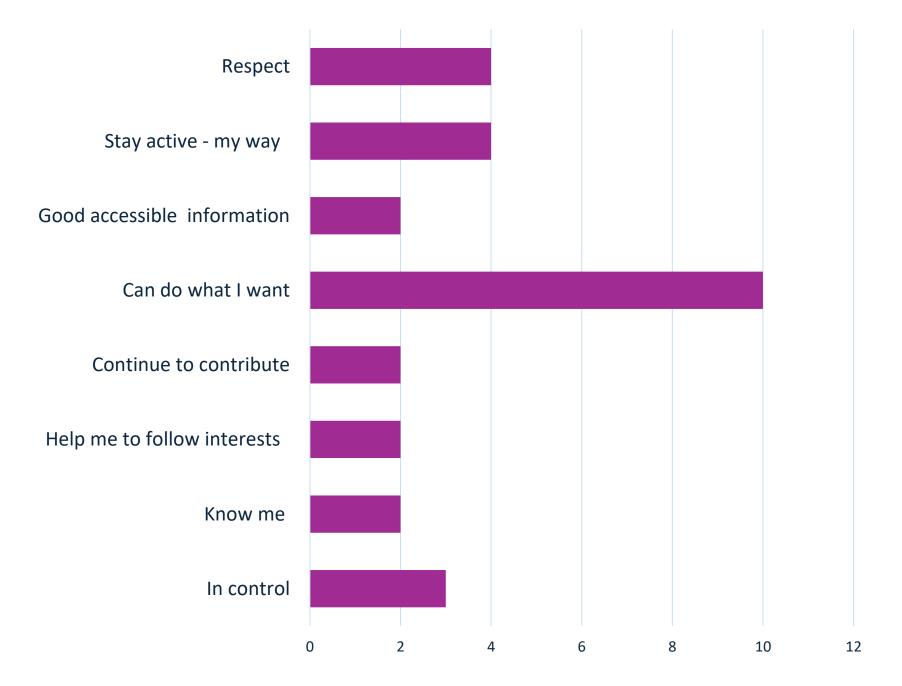
Live on a farm

Local people helping each other

Employ own staff or PA

Family care

People's aspirations for their experience of care



Space for discussion about things like politics

I want help with stuff that isn't 'personal care'

Embracing tech

I want to swim every day

I want good information about **all** the options

Care providers that actually care

Tap into people's strengths

I still want to be me

I want to be able to do what I want to do

What we learned

- There is a massive difference between the care services on offer in Nottinghamshire and the types of care people actually want
- Lots of care doesn't care or can't care
- Professionals can see this in both their work and personal lives
- People know the questions to ask to challenge the status quo
- People have great ideas for different and better

Why does care have to look that way?

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