Ipswich Hospital Carers User Group

Comments received from Jenny Shaw, member of the Ipswich Hospital Carers User Group who participated in the patient groups representatives evidence gathering workshop on 4 November 2005.

As Carers we focused on the likely impact on the infirm living at home. To summarise the comments received: ‘There was an acceptance that some people would appreciate the use of technology to maintain their health in the home but it was the overriding view that people need human contact and social interaction - our experience is that the elderly who live alone find it a very isolating experience and they become very sad and frightened’.