

Appendix 2

Properties considered for IW Dementia Hub

Extensive research has been undertaken to identify alternative properties to deliver the essential Dementia Support Hub this has included a full search over a 6-month period of commercial properties available on the open market.

Due to the size and specific requirements (ground floor access, flexible space, ample parking, ability to restrict/secure access and easily accessible location) this has been challenging.

The Alzheimer Café IW have explored the following potentially suitable sites but for a variety of reasons these could not be progressed due to overall suitability:

- Former HMV building, Newport High street – now occupied by Isle of Wight NHS
- Former Estate Agents, top of Newport High Street – split frontage was challenging and no ability to incorporate lift to second floor, now occupied by RSPCA as charity shop
- Former Dorothy Perkins/Bright House Shop – rent unaffordable, restricted access, challenges with parking, space too small at ground level
- Riverside Centre

The majority of properties that become available on the open market do not have sufficient space to accommodate needs and at this stage a purpose built facility is not affordable.

In addition, colleagues in the council's property services team were also asked to consider the following options within the council's property portfolio:

- Elmdon Shanklin
- East Cowes Library
- Waltzing Waters (Westridge)
- Quay street building (Former Print Room County Hall)
- Jubilee Stores (first and second floor)