

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>B&amp;NES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Healthwatch Update
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<b>List of attachments</b>	None
<b>Background papers</b>	None
<b>Summary</b>	An update on Healthwatch priorities and new approach to delivery
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Board is asked to agree that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic feedback from members will be shared with Healthwatch to inform decision making regarding the proposed priorities and work.</li> </ul>
<b>Resource implications</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	The Healthwatch B&NES Advisory Group
<b>Risk management</b>	A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

## **THE REPORT**

This short update details the proposed priorities for Healthwatch B&NES for 2016/17. Healthwatch is working to become further integrated into the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board – as such, we would welcome any feedback or ideas from members regarding the content of this update and the working priorities contained here.

### **1. The proposed priorities**

#### **1.1 Supporting the role of PPGs.**

We recognise the importance of GP practices to the health and wellbeing of local people – but also in relation to empowering local people to prevent ill health by staying healthy. The role of PPGs in this aim is increasingly important, and Healthwatch will support this work this year, including via our work with the Joint Primary Care Co-commissioning Committee.

An example of this work is the role Healthwatch can play in informing discussions around the implications of refugee resettlement within B&NES for GP services.

#### **1.2 Local innovation towards improving mental health services**

Healthwatch recognises that innovation is taking place locally and nationally around mental health service provision, and will work to support this.

Examples include the developing mental health collaborative alliance, the provision of services at Hillview Lodge, and the launch of the mental health charter best practice guide.

This work will contribute to theme 2 of the joint health and wellbeing strategy, improving the quality of people's lives, and towards the NHS five year forward view of better integrated mental and physical health.

#### **1.3 Supporting the STP**

Healthwatch recognises the importance of consulting the public on the STP, which we will support through into June 2016. We also recognise the clear desire felt by local people to see better integrated, high quality local services. We will work collaboratively with Healthwatch Wiltshire and Swindon (Swindon is also now delivered by The Care Forum) to support the STP work across the footprint, and will direct our work towards supporting the NHS five year forward view.

#### **1.4 The implementation of your care, your way**

Healthwatch recognises that your care, your way will significantly change how services are delivered locally, and will offer many opportunities to create high quality, responsive services for local people. We are committed to supporting and offering input into this important local development.

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