

SOCIAL CARE ASPECTS OF HEALTHWATCH HERTFORDSHIRE

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To highlight to members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee the social care remit of Healthwatch Hertfordshire.

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The vision set out by Healthwatch England is to work “towards a society in which people’s health and social care needs are heard, understood and met.” This vision informs the work of Healthwatch Hertfordshire. This means that local people
- shape health and social care delivery
 - influence the services they receive personally
 - hold services to account

The link to Healthwatch England is [here](#)

- 2.2 The social care aspect of Healthwatch’s remit is less well known. The OSC and HSC chairmen are now meeting regularly with the Chair of Healthwatch Hertfordshire to discuss issues affecting both health and social care. This dialogue will help to inform the work programme and the evidence heard by members of the committees. Healthwatch Herts site can be found at <https://www.healthwatchhertfordshire.co.uk/>

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the report.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arise from this report