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Press Release

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New Board members appointed to Healthwatch Shropshire

Healthwatch Shropshire has appointed three new board members to support its work as the county's independent health and social care champion.

Healthwatch Shropshire is overseen by an independent board that helps to ensure that its statutory and contractual obligations are met. All board members are selected because of their skills, knowledge and experience. Board meetings in public are held every quarter.

Angela Saganowska has worked within health and social care services for 30 years. She said: "It's a privilege to become a member of the Healthwatch Shropshire Board. Good health and social care services, as well as integrated programmes to prevent ill health can only be developed if decision makers actively listen to, engage and act upon local people's first hand experiences."

Steve Price has been a volunteer with Healthwatch Shropshire since 2014. He spent his professional life in the field of Public Health. His role for the majority of that time was as liaison officer between the Local Authority and the Health Authority, as it was then known.

Anne Furness spent the latter part of her career as a senior NHS Manager. She joins the board with many years front-line and operational experience. She has also worked in the Health and Social Care sector of further education, preparing students for careers in this field.

Carole Hall, Chair of the Board, said: "In our recent recruitment exercise, we were very clear that there were some areas in which we were a little light in experience. Not only do our three new appointments, Angela, Steve and Anne, fill these gaps but there's no doubt that they'll all fit in with HWS' values and culture very well. We're delighted to welcome them on board."

People can let Healthwatch Shropshire know what they think about local health and care services by phone 01743 237884, by post 'freepost HEALTHWATCH SHROPSHIRE', by email enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk or online at www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk.

Any feedback that is received from the public is used (anonymously and confidentially) by Healthwatch Shropshire in its engagement with local service providers and commissioners.

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Notes for Editors:

Healthwatch Shropshire is one of a network of 148 Local Healthwatch in England. It is supported by a national organisation, Healthwatch England.

It has a team working in community engagement, plus a volunteer programme, a visit programme to health and social care premises and an associate membership scheme to involve the public in its work. It also has a signposting service to help people access health and social care services and support.

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