

## Press Release

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### Drop-in to talk about health and social care

South Shropshire residents will have the chance to raise any questions, queries or concerns they might have about Health and Social care services within Shropshire at a drop-in event being organised by Healthwatch Shropshire. The event is being held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 12.30 – 2pm at the Plowden Room, Craven Arms Community Arts Centre.

The drop-in will also be an opportunity for people to find out how they can help make a difference to services and find out about volunteering roles. In addition, representatives from NHS FutureFit will be present to raise awareness of their programme looking at the future of acute and community hospitals in Shropshire.

Members of the public are then welcome to stay for the Board meeting in public which follows the drop-in. The agenda pack will be on the organisation's website by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February and observers are requested to submit written questions no later than noon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk) / [enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk).

Carole Hall, Chair of Healthwatch Shropshire, said:

“We are delighted to be holding our next drop-in and Board meeting in Craven Arms and look forward to meeting local residents. We are keen to hear what they have to say about health and social care, or just to meet over a hot drink and tell people about Healthwatch Shropshire.”

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent consumer champion for health and social care in Shropshire. It gathers the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public about services including hospitals, GPs, mental health services, community health services, pharmacists, opticians, residential care and children's services. It also has statutory powers that it can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.

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### Notes for Editors:

The agenda will be posted on the website at least five working days before the meeting.

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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