

Press Release

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Board Meeting in Public

North Shropshire residents will have the chance to ask questions about Healthwatch Shropshire at its next Board meeting in Ellesmere Town Hall on Friday, 12th September from 11am to 1pm. Healthwatch Shropshire, the people's champion for health and social care, is opening the meeting to the public and encourages local people to attend as observers.

The agenda pack is on the organisation's website and observers are requested to submit written questions on agenda items no later than Wednesday, 10th September.
www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk / enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk.

Carole Hall, Chair of Healthwatch Shropshire, said:

"Healthwatch Shropshire is committed to openness, transparency and our accountability to the people of Shropshire. We welcome members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and we will endeavour to answer questions put to us."

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.

It would be helpful if members of the public could inform Healthwatch Shropshire of their attendance in advance for seating purposes.

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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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