

Press Release

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Drop-in provides opportunity to talk about health & social care

Shropshire residents will have the chance to raise any questions 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 will give members of the public the chance to meet some of the team and Board members and hot drinks will be available. It is being held on Monday, 17th November 2014 from 12.30pm to 2.00pm at the Severn Fields Health Village in Shrewsbury, following which a Board Meeting in public will be held from 2.00pm to 4pm. The agenda and previous minutes are on the organisation's website <http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/documents>.

Jane Randall-Smith, Healthwatch Shropshire Chief Officer, said:

"I am really pleased that we are holding our Board Meetings around the county and the drop-in session provides an additional opportunity for people to meet us, find out more about what we do and share their experiences with 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.

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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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