

Press Release

For immediate release:

Have you had experience of NHS dental services in Shropshire?

Healthwatch Shropshire would particularly like to hear about patients' and carers' experiences of NHS dental services this month. Last year Healthwatch Shropshire acted upon concerns about a shortage of NHS dentists in Shropshire and was successful in influencing NHS England's decision to fund additional provision in the county. Now they would like to hear more about people's experiences of NHS dentistry.

You can let Healthwatch Shropshire know what you think about local services by phone 01743 237884, by email enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk or online www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk.

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

"There is currently a lot of focus on the future of hospital services in the county, but we want to make sure that we continue to hear about people's experiences of other areas of health care. As well as dentistry we always welcome comments about any publically funded health and social care services."

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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