

Press Release

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Have you had experience of orthopaedic services in Shropshire?

Healthwatch Shropshire would particularly like to hear about patients' and carers' experiences of orthopaedic services during September. Orthopaedics deals with injuries and disorders of the musculoskeletal system, which includes bones, muscles, joints and ligaments. Healthwatch Shropshire is featuring orthopaedic services as its 'Hot Topic' this month.

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:

"Each month Healthwatch Shropshire is focussing on a particular service area and during September we are especially interested to hear about people's experiences in terms of orthopaedics whether it is inpatient care for surgery, outpatient care for physiotherapy or pain management. Not forgetting that 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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