

Make 2017 the year you try something new!

Healthwatch Shropshire is looking for new volunteers to assist the charity to reach more people so they can help to shape the health and social care services that are provided in the county.

No previous experience is needed. Volunteers just need good listening and communication skills and to be committed to helping people of all backgrounds have a voice.

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

“Healthwatch is all about local people being able to influence the delivery and design of health and social care services where they live. It’s about getting out into the community to listen to people’s experiences and sharing this information with those who provide the services to encourage change and improvement.

“Volunteering can be great fun,” she added, “and can provide satisfaction, fulfilment and enjoyable experiences.”

Voluntary roles at Healthwatch Shropshire give people the opportunity to meet new people, use and develop existing skills and knowledge, access training and support while making a difference to their local community.

Healthwatch Shropshire is also looking for people to join its Board of Trustees who oversee the activity of Healthwatch Shropshire. The Board provides scrutiny and approves policies and procedures that are needed for the organisation to work effectively. Healthwatch would especially welcome Board member enquiries from people with experience and knowledge of the health and social care system in Shropshire. Applications are welcome from people of all backgrounds.

For more information about becoming a Healthwatch Shropshire volunteer or Board member, or to provide feedback on health and social care services please telephone 01743 237884, email enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk or visit the website, www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent health and social care champion for people in Shropshire. It gathers the views and experiences of patients,

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 then makes reports and recommendations about how these services could or ought to be improved based on the information received from members of the public. This is shared with providers and commissioners of services who have a statutory duty to listen to Healthwatch and act on the information it shares with them.

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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, an advocacy service 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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