

Name of meeting: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date: 12 November 2019

Title of report: Healthwatch Kirklees

Purpose of report:

To provide members of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel with the context and background to the discussions with Healthwatch Kirklees.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A – Report produced for information only
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance? Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director (Legal Governance and Monitoring)?	No – The report has been produced to support the discussions with Healthwatch Kirklees.
Health Contact	Helen Hunter, Healthwatch Kirklees

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. **Summary**
 - 1.1 Healthwatch is an independent consumer champion for both health and social care. Healthwatch operates at two levels one at a local level (local Healthwatch) and also at a national level (Healthwatch England).
 - 1.2 A key aim of local Healthwatch is to give citizens and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge the provision of local health and social care services. It will do this by gathering feedback, either positive or negative, from the general public about their experiences of NHS and Social Care services in Kirklees
 - 1.3 Local Healthwatch are funded by councils and held to account by them for their ability to operate effectively and provide value for money.
 - 1.4 Representatives from Healthwatch Kirklees will be in attendance to provide the panel with the: Background and context to Healthwatch; an overview of the work programme to include its key priorities; and will highlight any key emerging issues that it feels scrutiny should be aware of. Further detail is provided in the attached report.
2. **Information required to take a decision**
N/A
3. **Implications for the Council**
N/A
4. **Consultees and their opinions**
N/A
5. **Next steps**
That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Health and Adult Social Care takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.
6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**
That the panel considers the information provided and determines if any further information or action is required.
7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**
N/A
8. **Contact officer**
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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**
N/A
10. **Service Director responsible**
Julie Muscroft, Legal, Governance & Monitoring