

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 17 November 2015

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Healthwatch Lancashire Update

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Executive Summary

Gill Brown, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Lancashire will provide the Committee with a presentation on the evolution of Healthwatch, its responsibilities and strategy and examples of current and planned work.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the presentation.

Background and Advice

Healthwatch Lancashire is the public voice on health and social care in Lancashire. It gives children, young people and adults a powerful voice – making sure their views and experiences are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services in Lancashire.

Healthwatch Lancashire works collaboratively with health and social care organisations and challenges when necessary. By being focused on local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of their services – Healthwatch Lancashire is not just for people who use them, but for anyone who might need them in the future.

Healthwatch Lancashire is a not-for-profit social enterprise organisation and a member of a network of independent local Healthwatch organisations in England.

Healthwatch England provides a national focus for their work but exercises no control over their activities. They are a company limited by guarantee established by Lancashire County Council (LCC). However, LCC has no members on the Board and Healthwatch Lancashire works independently from the LCC and the NHS.

Further information on the organisation and its work can be found at

www.healthwatchlancashire.co.uk

Consultations

N/A.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**List of Background Papers**

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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.