

# Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report 2015/16

## Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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### 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the progress of Healthwatch Swindon and highlights ways in which it is contributing to the Board's work to improve the health and wellbeing of our local population and reduce health inequalities.
- 1.2 Each local Healthwatch is required to publish and submit an annual report to Healthwatch England by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### 2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Discuss and note the Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report for 2015/16 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

### 3. Detail

- 3.1 Healthwatch Swindon focuses work by targeting seldom heard communities who would not normally voice their issues and experiences. Reaching these communities through the use of Healthwatch volunteers, engagement activities and attending events and meetings.
- 3.2 Based on the work of Healthwatch Swindon from previous years, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the public feedback received, local strategy and policy, and our partnerships with the Health and Wellbeing Board, local NHS trusts, Clinical Commissioning Group and other service providers, Healthwatch developed the following work streams in 2015/2016 - GP services, mental health and older people and end of life.
- 3.3 These priorities were shared with the Healthwatch Swindon Board. This report shares the Healthwatch Annual report for 2015/16.
- 3.4 Priorities for Healthwatch Swindon as we move into 2016/17 include:
  - Children and young people
  - Community health re-procurement
  - Diabetes and managing healthy weight
  - Sustainability and transformation plan

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### 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options proposed.

### 5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

#### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 None.

#### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 None.

#### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 None.

#### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 None.

#### Risk Management

- 5.5 None.

### 6. Consultees

- 6.1 Healthwatch Advisory group will receive sight of the report and in future years approve prior to submission.
- 6.2 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

### 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

### 8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report 2015/2016.