



Report of: Chief Executive of Healthwatch Islington

Health and Wellbeing Board	Date: 18 October 2017	Ward(s): All
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SUBJECT: Healthwatch Islington Work Plan 2016-18

1. Synopsis

1.1 This report outlines Healthwatch Islington's current Strategic Plans.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Healthwatch Islington's current strategic plans be noted.

3. Background

3.1 Healthwatch Islington is commissioned by Islington Council as set out in the Health and Care Social Act 2012, to influence commissioning of health and care services. Each April it sets a Strategic Plan for the year ahead following consultation with the local community.

3.2 As well as gathering the views of local residents, Healthwatch Islington meets with commissioners to assess the scope for influence on the issues that the community raises. We also sit on the council's Qualitative Research Information Network to ensure that we add value, rather duplicate, existing work.

3.3 The plan and progress against the plan are kept updated on the Healthwatch Islington website:
<http://www.healthwatchislington.co.uk/work-plan>

4. Implications

4.1 **Financial Implications:**
None.

4.2 **Legal Implications:**

Healthwatch is a statutory service commissioned by local authorities under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The task of Healthwatch is to give communities the opportunity to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided.

4.3 **Environmental Implications**

The main environmental impacts of Healthwatch Islington are associated with normal office occupancy (i.e. energy, water and resource use and waste generation) as well as transport-related impacts such as emissions and congestion.

4.4 **Resident Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

Healthwatch Islington works to seek out views from a diverse audience. To strengthen our reach we work closely with a range of voluntary sector partners. We work closely with Children's Services delivering training, to create opportunities for engagement in this area.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1 The Board are asked to note and comment on the report.

Appendices

- Healthwatch Islington Work Plan 2017/18.

Background Papers:

- None.

Signed by:



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