

Report of: Chief Executive, Healthwatch Islington (an independent organisation, part-funded by London Borough of Islington)

Health and Wellbeing Board	Date: 6th Nov 2019	Ward(s): All
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SUBJECT: Healthwatch Islington Work Plan 2019/20

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The attached report gives an update on Healthwatch Islington's work plan for the current year (April 2019 to March 2020), and progress to date.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To receive the report on our Work Plan and progress.

3. Background

- 3.1 Healthwatch organisations exist across the country to gather people's views on health and social care and influence commissioning and provision. They are funded by the Department of Health through the Local Authority. Healthwatch Islington is a local charity and works in partnership with a number of other community organisations in order to try and hear from a diverse range of residents.

4. Implications

- 4.1 **Financial Implications:**
None – the report is for noting only.
- 4.2 **Legal Implications:**
None – the report is for noting only.

4.3 **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:**

Healthwatch Islington has environmental impacts and carbon emissions related to its use of offices (energy, water and paper use and waste generation) and travel. The organisation aims to minimise its environmental impact by reducing printing, using local services, and public transport (or walking).

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."

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because we are not part of the council. We try to be as diverse as possible in our reach, working with partner organisations but also having a presence in a range of other settings for residents who are not connected to organisations. We particularly seek out people who may be more vulnerable.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1 N/A

Appendices

- Healthwatch Islington Annual Report 2018/19.

Background papers:

- N/A

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