

Survey: keeping vulnerable adults safe in Gloucestershire



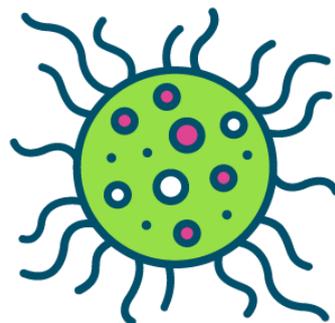
We are helping Gloucestershire's Safeguarding Adults Board find out what people think about their priorities for the next three years as these will guide their work to keep vulnerable people safe. We are running an online survey **until 9 December** to find out whether Gloucestershire residents agree with the strategy that is being outlined and to see what ideas people have.

Complete the survey to share your views, and share the link with others who might like to have a say:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GloucestershireSafeguardingAdultsBoard.

What's your experience of Post Covid Syndrome?

We know that Post Covid Syndrome (long Covid) has affected many people. Some have been managing by themselves, some with the support of their GP or other services and communities, and others have been under the care of Gloucestershire's NHS Post Covid Syndrome Service.



If you or a loved one have been living with Post Covid Syndrome, then we want to hear from you. We will be asking about people's experiences through a survey that we plan to launch next month. If you would like to get involved and share your story and feedback, please get in touch to register your interest, and we will send you more information and an invitation to take part. Call **Freephone 0800 652 5193** or email: info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk.

Seeking young people to talk about health and care

Our Young Listeners have completed their training and designed their project. They have decided to focus their investigation on mental health and invisible disability, relationships, Covid-19 anxiety, and GP attitudes. They are

passionate about these topics and feel that young people need better guidance about them.



Pictured: Volunteer Young Listeners meeting to plan the project.

They are now looking for young people in Gloucestershire (groups and individuals), to share their health and social care experiences and feedback. If you are aged 16-24, or you work with people in this age group, we would love to hear from you. Please email Jess, our Youth Engagement Officer: jessica.bush@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk or call 07865295769.

Gloucestershire's changing health and care system

'One Gloucestershire' is a partnership of the county's NHS and care organisations, known as an Integrated Care System (ICS). From April 2022 the ICS will become a statutory organisation, responsible for agreeing an integrated care strategy for improving and joining up public health, health care, social care in Gloucestershire. The work of the ICS will be overseen by the new Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board under the leadership of Mary Hutton, the current One Gloucestershire ICS lead officer, who was named this month as the Chief Executive designate of the Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB). The ICB will be responsible for running the NHS locally and developing a plan to meet the health needs of the population. They will also take on responsibility for commissioning health services and support to meet the needs of local people from the current Clinical Commissioning Group and some from NHS England.

We are keeping up to date and involved with local developments and will be working closely with One Gloucestershire in February to help make sure that the voices of patients, service



users, carers and the public are at the heart of the new Integrated Care System. Keep up to date with the latest news here:

OneGloucestershire.net – [Transforming Care, Transforming Communities.](#)

Out and about in Gloucestershire



This month we went to the Winchcombe School Health Awareness Event, which was attended by 300 students. It was a great opportunity to make sure they know we are here to listen and to help them have their say about health and care in Gloucestershire.

We're always looking for opportunities to talk to people in Gloucestershire about our work and to gather their feedback about health and care services, so do [get in touch](#) if you are planning an event or meeting that we might be able to attend.

Become a Public Governor for the South Western Ambulance Service

The South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is looking for Public Governors to help inform its future strategy and to monitor its performance. Public Governors play an important voluntary role in linking the Trust with its members, staff, stakeholders and the wider public, ensuring that the voices of those they represent are heard at the highest level in the Trust. If you would like to find out more, email governors@swast.nhs.uk.



Healthwatch England research: Waiting lists are inevitable, it's how we manage them that matters

Over the last three months, Healthwatch England has heard from more than 2,500 people about their experiences of waiting for hospital treatment. This month they reported on their findings, digging beneath the headlines to

understand how the backlog is impacting the lives of those waiting for care, and to support the NHS to make decisions on how best to manage waiting lists.



[Read the Healthwatch England article](#) to find out what their research shows about how long people are waiting for care and who is waiting the longest, what it's like waiting for care, what is being done and what more could be done to improve communications and provide support.

New National Director at Healthwatch England

It was announced this month that Louise Ansari will join Healthwatch England in February as the new National Director. For the past five years, Louise has been Director of Communications and Influencing at the Centre for Ageing Better. She previously held senior leadership roles at Diabetes UK and Lambeth Council, and worked as a media specialist at Which? Magazine, the Food Standards Agency, and the Health Education Authority. [Read more...](#)



Share your feedback

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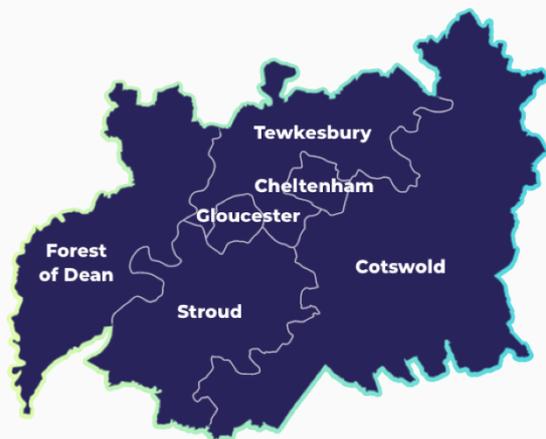


Share our news

If you know someone who would be interested in keeping up to date with our news or getting involved with our work, please share this bulletin and the [sign-up link](#).

Speak up and help make health and social care better for you and your community

Healthwatch Gloucestershire is the county's health and social care champion. We are an independent statutory body with the power to make sure NHS leaders and other health and social care decision makers listen to public feedback and use this to improve standards of care. Healthwatch Gloucestershire covers the geographical area of Gloucestershire County Council, which includes the districts and boroughs of Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud, and Tewkesbury.



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