



what
would you do?

It's your NHS. Have your say.

The top four things people would like to improve in their local NHS services

Quicker access to a named GP with longer appointments; easier and cheaper ways to access exercise classes, gyms and cycleways; a 'care navigator' to be provided for those living with dementia; and increased mental health support around transition for the trans community were the top four things people in Gloucestershire would like to see improved in their local NHS services.

Their views were shared as part of Healthwatch Gloucestershire's What Would You Do? campaign and the findings are revealed in a new report out now.

More than 200 residents, patients and their families took part in What Would You do? activities, which launched in March to encourage people in the county to share their views about how extra money from the Government should be spent on local NHS services. [Find out more...](#)

Local board members wanted to help shape local health and social care



People with a passion for seeing local health and social care services changed for the better are being sought by Healthwatch Gloucestershire.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire, which has an important role in assessing the quality of local health and social care services and influencing the design of future services, is looking for local people to form a Local Board, volunteers who will help the team shape their workplan.

Julia Butler-Hunt, Healthwatch Gloucestershire Manager, explained: “We welcome interest from all sections of the local community. We’re looking for local people with a passionate interest in helping the local community shape the way their health and social care services are run.

“Although not essential, if people have knowledge or experience in social care, children and young people, mental health, equalities and diversity this would be beneficial.” [Find out more...](#)

What do you think about urgent care services?

The NHS in Gloucestershire wants to know what the public thinks about new ideas to support easier, faster and more convenient ways to get urgent same day advice and care in the county.



Under the title, *Fit for the Future*, the NHS will be holding workshops and visiting local communities to find out what local people think about accessing urgent (not life threatening) same day advice and care across Gloucestershire. Have your say and [find out more...](#)



Inquiry into dental services - have your say

The Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into dental services and is inviting the public to have their say.

The Government is currently testing prototypes for a new dental contract with an emphasis on prevention and wants feedback from the public. [Find out more...](#)

Out and about this summer

Staff and volunteers from Healthwatch Gloucestershire will be gathering the views of local people this month to find out what they think about local health and social care services.



They will be at:

- **The Townwomen's Guild**, Matson Baptist Church, Gloucester, on Thursday 12 September, 2-4pm.
- **Gloucester Pride**, Gloucester Park, Saturday 14 September, all day.
- **Gloucestershire Constabulary Open Day**, on Saturday 14 September, all day.
- **University of Gloucestershire Freshers Fayre**, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 18 September, all day.
- **Hartpury Wellfest**, Hartpury, on Thursday 19 September, all day.
- **Stanway Women's Group**, Stanway, on Wednesday 25 September, 11am-12noon.

[More details...](#)

Healthwatch Gloucestershire is the county's independent health and social care champion. We exist to ensure that people are at the heart of care.

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers listen to what people like about local health and care services, and what could be improved.

These views are then shared with the decision-making organisations in the county, so together we can make a real difference.



Copyright © 2019 Healthwatch Gloucestershire, All rights reserved.

01452 504989 | 0800 652 5193

Healthwatch Gloucestershire · 13 Wheatstone Court, Davy Way · Waterwells Business Park ·
Quedgeley, GL2 2AQ · United Kingdom

<https://www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk>