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Steering group members wanted

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

Steering Group members will oversee and contribute to the work programme and play a crucial role in monitoring its delivery.

"I want to improve access to good quality health and social care services in Gloucestershire," says current Steering Group member Eileen Morrison.

[Find out more...](#)



Food for thought

Residents without a car on a housing estate in Gloucester say they find it hard to access fresh, affordable food - according to a survey carried out recently.

Around 50 people went to a free community meal at The Melting Pot Community Café in Podsmead and were asked about food options and choices on the estate.

Community researchers from Evolving Communities' Food & Families project and staff from Healthwatch Gloucestershire asked Podsmead residents for their thoughts about all things food related as part of a wider project for Gloucestershire Public Health.

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See the [story run by Gloucestershire Live](#)

Help make end of life care better

Patients and their relatives living with a terminal illness are being asked to help build a picture of their experience of the care and support provided to them in Gloucestershire.



Healthwatch Gloucestershire wants to hear from those who have accessed 'end of life non-clinical care', using services such as hospice care, information provision or bereavement support.

Julia Butler-Hunt, Manager at Healthwatch Gloucestershire, said: "We appreciate this can be a hard subject to talk about, which is why any insight patients and relatives can give will help make services better for others in the future."

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Meet us over the summer and share your views

Share your experiences of local health and social care services with Healthwatch Gloucestershire.

Staff and volunteers will be at:



- Coffee Morning, Great Oaks Hospice, on Wednesday 5 September, 10am–noon
- Freshers Fayre, University of Gloucestershire, on Wednesday 12 September, 11am–4pm

- Hartpury Wellfest 2018, Hartpury College & University Centre, on Thursday 13 September, 9am-5pm
- Gloucestershire Constabulary Open Day, on Saturday 15 September, 10am-3pm

[For 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 social 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.

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