

March 2019 e-bulletin

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Come along and meet us!

Our staff and volunteers will be taking to the roads of Gloucestershire in March to find out what people think about local health and social care services.

We aim to speak to at least 500 people from all corners of the county as part of our Campervan and Comments Tour.

The roadshow will travel almost 400 miles zig-zagging around Gloucestershire in a classic 1969 VW campervan and park up at key locations around the county to gather the views of people of all ages.

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Gloucestershire resident Brian urges people to speak up

Brian, from Highnam near Gloucester, is encouraging others to speak out as part of the 'What Would You do?' campaign run by local Healthwatch across the country.

The campaign aims to encourage people to share their views on how extra money from the Government should be spent on local NHS services.

The Government is investing £20 billion a year in the NHS as part of the NHS Long Term Plan. The plan focuses on improving services in a number of key areas and now the regional NHS have been asked how they will deliver the plan at a local level.

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Join our team



We're looking for a Volunteer Officer to help us support our volunteer team – someone who shares our passion and commitment to help make care better for our local communities in Gloucestershire.

You will oversee, co-ordinate and manage all elements of our volunteering programme. The role will also include recruiting new volunteers, plus supporting and supervising volunteers in their roles and general administration.

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Mental health services survey closes 31 March

Healthwatch Gloucestershire is conducting a three-month engagement campaign to gather more feedback which will help shape future provision of mental health services in the county.

Staff and volunteers have been talking to people in the community and there is also an online survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/mentalhealthgloucs/>

Hard copies are available on request. The survey closes on 31 March 2019. For more details contact the team at Healthwatch Gloucestershire on 01452 504989 or freephone 0800 6525193; email info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk or visit www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk



Pastures new for CEO Mary Curran

Staff and volunteers bid a fond farewell to Healthwatch Gloucestershire's parent company Chief Executive Officer Mary Curran as she leaves to take on a national role.

Mary joined the team in April 2018 to oversee the strategic development of Evolving Communities and Healthwatch Gloucestershire and Healthwatch Somerset.

She leaves to take a up a role with Wellbeing Teams, a national charity which supports the care of the elderly, disabled and those near the end of their lives.

Mary said: "I am looking forward to being more involved with the direct care and support of those supported by the Wellbeing Teams. But I will greatly miss the whole team at Evolving Communities.

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Out and about in March

Share your experiences of health and social care services with our volunteers and staff during our Campervan and Comments Tour.



Stroud

23 March: Stroud Farmers Market 8am – 2pm

Gloucester

24 March: Gloucester Car Boot Sale, Hempsted Meadows 9am – 12pm

26 March: Gloucester Cathedral Grounds 9am – 12pm; Tesco Supermarket, Brockworth 1pm – 4pm

Newent

25 March: 3Shires Garden Centre, Newent 9am – 12pm

Coleford

25 March – Clock Tower, Coleford 1pm – 5pm

Fairford

27 March: Fairford Market 8am – 12pm

Cirencester

27 March: Information Stand at Tesco Extra Supermarket, Cirencester 10am – 12pm

Moreton in Marsh

27 March: North Cotswold Community Hospital, Moreton in Marsh 9am – 12pm; Information Stand at Budgens Supermarket, Moreton in Marsh 1pm – 3pm

Tewkesbury

28 March: Tewkesbury Community Hospital 9am – 12pm; Information Stand at Morrisons Supermarket 10am – 12pm

Cheltenham

28 March: Springbank Community Centre, Cheltenham 1pm – 4pm

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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.



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