

September 2017 e-bulletin

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Dear friend,

Welcome to our new monthly e-bulletin! Here you will find all the latest news from Healthwatch Gloucestershire - the county's independent health and care champion.

Each month we will keep you up to date on the work we are doing and the impact this is making locally, plus keep you informed of local engagement events and ways you can get involved.

Please share this e-bulletin with your friends - they can join our mailing list by emailing: info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

New drive to recruit volunteers

People with a passion for improving health and care services in Gloucestershire are being sought as part of a new campaign.



Healthwatch Gloucestershire is looking for people of all ages to join their team of volunteers. Roles include listening to people about their experiences of local health and social care services, compiling feedback from the public and visiting health and care

services to speak to the people who are using them.

Volunteer Eileen, from Cheltenham, said: "I got involved with Healthwatch Gloucestershire as I wanted to have a voice in how health and social care services are run. I am also very passionate about giving something back to the community." [Find out more about volunteering with Healthwatch Gloucestershire.](#)



Chair of steering group announced

A former RAF officer from Cheltenham with a passion for shaping local health services will help to lead Healthwatch Gloucestershire's new Shadow Steering Group.

Alan Thomas has been appointed Interim Chair and will help to develop the role of the organisation and set key work priorities for the next year.

Alan said: "I am excited by the prospect of being able to begin to shape a different approach to the representation of views on health and care." [Read Alan's full story.](#)

Out and about in Gloucestershire this month

Staff and volunteers from Healthwatch Gloucestershire will be visiting community events this month to find out what people think about the way local health and care services are run.

Staff and volunteers will be speaking to new students at the **University of Gloucestershire Fresher's Fair**, University of Gloucestershire Park Campus, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 20 September, 11am-4pm.



And Healthwatch Gloucestershire will be at the **MS Society Research and Update event**, Churchdown Community Centre, Churchdown, on Saturday 23 September, 2-4.30pm.

If you want to speak to us about your health and care experiences you can visit us when we are out and about. View our [events calendar](#) for up to date times and venues. You can also share your story by calling us on 01452 504989 or emailing info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

Healthwatch Gloucestershire is the county's independent health and 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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