

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>3 May 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Healthwatch Herefordshire update</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Chair, Healthwatch Herefordshire</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision

## **Wards Affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To consider an update from Healthwatch Herefordshire.

## **Recommendation(s)**

That:

- a) **the report be considered; and**
- b) **any items for further attention be identified for addition to the committee's work programme**

## **Alternative options**

There are no alternative options as this report is for information.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

Healthwatch Herefordshire receives key information from public feedback and consultations which help to provide a picture of the community's views on health and social care needs within the county. This information supports the identification of items for scrutiny for inclusion on the committee's work programme.

## **Key considerations**

- 3 The committee is asked to consider the update from Healthwatch Hereford, having regard to the following key topics:
  - strategic update on the review of urgent care by NHS Herefordshire Clinical

Commissioning Group; 7-day GP access fund; and work with the quality improvement review group regarding Wye Valley NHS Trust; 2gether NHS Foundation Trust

- enquiries received by Healthwatch for the quarter 4 of 2015/16
- Number 1, Ledbury Road
- Enter and view and PLACE visits
- Communications and engagement
- Summary of Healthwatch Herefordshire involvement in health and social care in the county
- Healthwatch representation on key fora

## **Community impact**

- 4 Any topics selected for scrutiny that arise from this report should have regard to what matters to residents of Herefordshire.

## **Equality duty**

- 5 The topics selected need to have regard for equality issues.

## **Financial implications**

- 6 There are no financial implications to this report as it is for information only.

## **Legal implications**

- 7 There are no legal implications to this report as it is for information only.

## **Risk management**

- 8 There is a reputational risk to the council if the overview and scrutiny function does not operate effectively. The arrangements for the development of the work programme should help mitigate this risk.

## **Consultees**

- 9 Following initial consultations on topics for scrutiny with directors and members of the Cabinet, all members of the Council are invited to suggest items for scrutiny.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Healthwatch Herefordshire update report

## **Background papers**

None identified.