

# Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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# HealthWatch Annual Report

Lead Member: Cllr Sarah Russell  
Lead Strategic Director: Martin Samuels

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## Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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# City Mayor

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to present the annual report for 2020/2021 produced by HealthWatch Leicester and Leicestershire (HWLL) to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission.
- 1.2** The report will be presented by Harsha Kotecha, Chair of HealthWatch Leicester & Leicestershire, and Mukesh Barot, Chief Officer.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Commission is recommended to note the content of the annual report and to provide comment/feedback.

## **3. Supporting information including options considered:**

- 3.1** The current Healthwatch service is provided by Engaging Communities Staffordshire and is a joint contract between Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council.
- 3.2** The Health & Social Care Act requires all local Healthwatch organisations to produce an annual report. The annual report covers the 2020/21 financial year and is attached as appendix 1.
- 3.3** The report follows a standard format dictated by HealthWatch England, and includes highlights from the year, a then and now review of their work on child & adolescent mental health (CAMHS) and discharge from hospital. their impact and operational issues such as finance and volunteer information.
- 3.4** The annual report reflects the priorities set at the beginning of 2020/21 which have been significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. HealthWatch LL have examined the use of health & social care services during Covid-19, and the impact on marginalised communities as part of their BME Connect programme.
- 3.5** The report also describes HealthWatch LL's priorities for 2021/2022 including Access to Dentists, Personal Health Budgets, and Social Isolation & Loneliness.

## **4. Details of Scrutiny**

No other scrutiny conducted.

## **5. Financial, legal and other implications**

### 5.1 Financial implications

No Financial implications.

Yogesh Patel – Accountant ext 4011

### 5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications as the report is for noting.

Emma Jackman, Head of Law (Commercial, Property & Planning) 454 1426

### 5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no direct climate change implications associated with this report.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, 454 2284

### 5.4 Equalities Implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer, 454 4175

### 5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

No other implications

## **6. Background information and other papers:**

None

## **7. Summary of appendices:**

Appendix 1 – HealthWatch LL Annual Report 20/21