

Healthwatch Wiltshire welcomes four new Board members

Healthwatch Wiltshire has appointed four new Board members to help prioritise the health and social care issues that are most important to the people of Wiltshire.

The Local Leadership Board is the driving force behind our commitment to ensure the voices of children, young people and adults are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services in the county.

The new Board members join existing members Hazel Dunnett, Andy Mintram, Irene Kohler, Joanna Wittels and Emma Leatherbarrow.

Gillian Leake joins us as the new Chair of our Local Leadership Board. She has worked in and around health and social care for 40 years, and will be bringing her knowledge and experience from roles in social work and senior management to Healthwatch.

Alan Mitchell is our new Vice Chair. Formerly a civil servant, Alan is now a coach and change management consultant and volunteers for a

number of local and national charities.

Margaret Winskill taught food and nutrition and health and social care before becoming a Public Health specialist, leading the Young People Friendly programme and the Health Trainer service in Wiltshire. She is now a diabetes prevention coach and an active member of a refugee community sponsorship group.

Vijay Manro has held long careers both as a civil engineer and a local magistrate and now, as a Healthwatch Wiltshire Board member, is looking forward to interacting with local people on health and care issues.

Acting Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager **Julie Brown** said: “We’re thrilled to welcome our new Board members. They bring with them an amazing wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise and we’re looking forward to developing a new work plan that focuses on what matters most to the people of Wiltshire.”

Share your experiences of services during Covid-19

Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for feedback from people who have used health, care and community services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since March, NHS and social care services have had to change the way they work to meet coronavirus safety guidelines, while voluntary and community groups have stepped up their support to help local people through the pandemic.

We want to understand how these changes

have been working for you, what’s been good and what could be better.

Gillian Leake said: “As the new Chair of Healthwatch Wiltshire, I’m looking forward to hearing people’s stories and helping to ensure their voices are heard by those who plan and run services. Please take five minutes to have your say about how these services are working for you during the pandemic.”

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