## Area Board Update March 2019



## Healthwatch Wiltshire launches grants scheme for health and wellbeing projects

Healthwatch Wiltshire is launching a small grants scheme to invest in projects that aim to improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

The Community Cash Fund will enable groups to apply for up to £2,000 to start projects in their local community.

The scheme will help us get more feedback on health and social care services from people it might not otherwise hear from.

Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, Stacey Plumb said: "This is a great opportunity for groups to get funding for projects that will really make a difference to health and wellbeing in their community. We are keen to hear from anyone who has an idea for a project, no matter how small.

"This scheme will help us gather more people's experiences of local services, and help ensure that their voices are heard. We're really excited to see what ideas people have and how we can help make them a reality."

## Apply today

Simply fill in the application form and return it to Healthwatch Wiltshire by **Friday 29 March**.

You will need to demonstrate how a grant will make a difference to local people, and how well you think it will improve their health and wellbeing.

Projects don't have to be complicated or expensive. You might just need to cover the



cost of materials or equipment, or the cost of setting up an event or regular group so people can meet or attend a workshop or class.

It's the first time Healthwatch Wiltshire has run the Community Cash Fund, but projects funded by other Healthwatch in the South West include: dance classes, art groups, health exhibitions, pop up cafes, support groups, music sessions and healthy eating cookery groups.

## More information

Go to our Community Cash Fund page for full details and to apply: <a href="https://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/community-cash-fund">www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/community-cash-fund</a>

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 29 March.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Woodsford, Volunteering and Partnerships Lead, at <a href="mailto:joanne.woodsford@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk">joanne.woodsford@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk</a> or call 07977 221661.