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Local news from your local Healthwatch

Healthwatch Rotherham is the independent champion for people who use health and social care services in your local area. We listen to your needs, experiences and concerns, and speak out on your behalf to improve services for everyone.

May 2022

- Recruitment
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Recruitment:

We are delighted to have recruited a new Community Engagement Officer Mariah Panayiotou, to join our team at the end of May. We will be looking at how we can engage more with the local Rotherham community. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see from us (such as areas in Rotherham, group talk opportunities, topics you would like us to discuss) please e-mail us on: info@healthwatchrotherham.org.uk

Volunteering/board recruitment:

Would you like to volunteer with us?

If you're interested in our volunteering opportunities, or becoming a board member, keep an eye out in next months newsletter for more details!

Let's Talk: Cancer Awareness:

Our latest 'Let's Talk' online event focused on Cancer Awareness. We were joined by Michelle Fletcher, lead nurse for Macmillan in Rotherham, as well as Faye McDool from the Cancer Advocacy team.

Michelle discussed what cancer is, common cancers, signs and symptoms, prevention and the importance of early detection. Faye then discussed the cancer advocacy service, as well as a detailed and informative list of other services available across the South Yorkshire area.

This was a really informative and useful event, but unfortunately we had a very low turnout despite many sign-ups.

If you were not able to attend, the slides are available to view on our website here: https://healthwatchrotherham.org.uk/news/2022-04-28/lets-talkcancer-awareness

We are currently running some market research on our 'Let's Talk' events to see how we can improve them (time of day, topics etc) and we would really appreciate it if you could complete our short survey, so we can find out what you would like to see from your local Healthwatch. https://forms.gle/qhwzZ8zBxfVR4Nr4A—**survey link**

Reports:

GP report:

Our 'Accessing GP services in Rotherham' report has now been published and is available to read on our website here: https://healthwatchrotherham.org.uk/report/2022-04-21/accessing-gp-services-rotherham-report

Please share with your contacts.

Long Covid:

Our next report will be looking into Long Covid. If you know of any services that help patients with Long Covid, have any personal experiences you would like to share or have any contributions, please contact us.

Annual Report:
We are busy working on our 2021-2022 Annual Report, which will be available to read from the 1st July.

Upcoming Let's Talk event:

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Let's Talk... Postnatal depression and perinatal mental health

Join Healthwatch Rotherham for our monthly Zoom chat. In our next session, in line with mental health awareness week (9th-15th May) we will be discussing postnatal depression and perinatal mental health.

We will be joined by healthcare representatives and you can ask questions or raise any issues or concerns you have on this topic.

Hello Hi

Friday 27th May 2022
11am-12 noon
Meeting ID: 872 5123 8127
Passcode: 965570

For more details, contact us on
info@healthwatchrotherham.org.uk or 01709 717130

Healthwatch Rotherham is here to listen to your experiences of health and social care services in Rotherham to make sure providers get it right for everyone. If you've had an experience—good or bad—please get in touch

https://healthwatchrotherham.org.uk/share-your-views

Hello Hi