



Healthwatch Rotherham Steering Group— recruitment of new Voluntary Members

Background:

Healthwatch Rotherham are a champion for people who use health and social care services. We're here to make sure that those running services put people at the heart of care. Our sole purpose is to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services and to speak out on their behalf. Joining the Healthwatch Rotherham Steering Group offers an exciting opportunity to be involved in helping to champion improvements to our health and care services.

We are currently looking to recruit new volunteer members to sit on our Steering Group, which oversees the operation of the Healthwatch Rotherham contract, and provides guidance, to ensure successful delivery of our work programmes.

We are particularly looking to recruit people who have in depth knowledge as someone that has required extensive or ongoing support from a health, mental health or social care services in Rotherham

Commitment

- ◆ The Steering Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5pm
- ◆ There maybe some background reading of papers prior to the meetings. This is an important part of the role to ensure meaningful contribution by all Steering Group members during our meetings.
- ◆ Anyone with specialist knowledge may be invited to contribute to provide some support or lead to relevant specific pieces of work. This may include the need for a limited number of meetings outside the Steering Group.
- ◆ There may be occasions where you may formally represent Healthwatch Rotherham at a meeting and to support any findings you would be asked to provide a brief written report to the group.

Next steps

In the first instance please read the Healthwatch Rotherham Steering Group Terms of Reference which can be downloaded from our website or requested via email to:

info@healthwatchrotherham.org.uk.

Following this we would then ask you to contact Lesley Cooper, Service Manager to have an informal chat about the role.

What happens next?

2. You will be asked to complete a simple application form which will tell us a bit more about your skills and knowledge
3. This will then be followed up by a short meeting via Zoom or a phone call, with the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Steering Group and the Service Manager, to discuss your application and answer any questions you may have.
4. You will be informed as soon as possible after the meeting as to the success of your application and will be given an opportunity to discuss the outcome
5. If your application has been successful, you will be invited to attend the next meeting.