

# October 2022

## An update on Healthwatch Warrington.

This past month we have been working hard on our priorities for 2022. We have launched our women's health survey and are planning for our women's health event on the 7th March 2023.

We have been sharing the work of Healthwatch Warrington at various events like VOLFEST, and hosted our Long-Covid coffee morning. We have released our latest feedback report looking at the experiences of d/Deaf residents accessing the local trust.

Find out more in the details below.



## Long COVID



In partnership with [Warrington Disability Partnership Long-COVID Peer Support Group](#) Healthwatch Warrington hosted a coffee morning at the Gateway. The coffee morning was in addition to the ongoing feedback which is being collected about the public's experience of living with Long-COVID. The coffee morning was attended by over 20 people. We also have a [survey that you can access](#)

This is very new and we are keen to hear the views of people that feel they may be suffering and how their access to GP practices and Hospital services has been.

## Reports

Healthwatch Warrington was initially approached by [Signing Solutions](#) to discuss the issues that the d/Deaf community in Warrington are experiencing with Hospital access.



Utilising the Warrington Deaf Centre and its members, along with Signing Solutions we were able to speak to the d/Deaf community in a place where they felt comfortable and have qualified British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters on hand to hear the patient's views and feedback to us exactly what they wanted to say.

Healthwatch Warrington analysed the data and collated it to create the report. This is an independent report and using the feedback from those d/Deaf patients we made recommendations based on this.

[Read the report](#)

## Outreach and Engagement



Healthwatch Warrington are now members of the [Chamber of Commerce](#). The team attended the Warrington Annual Business Conference on the 14th October.

We are excited to work with local businesses of Warrington listening to Warrington residents about all things health and social care.

We attended the official opening of the new [Health & Social Care Academy](#) at [Warrington Vale College](#) which will provide valuable hands on experience for key workers of the future.



Healthwatch Warrington had a stand at [VOLFEST](#) in October. We had such fun engaging with perspective volunteers. We spoke to people about how they can get involved in our [Enter & View Programme](#), [Virtual Voices](#) and [Outreach Team](#).

## Women's Health Survey



As voted by the Warrington public, one of our main priorities of work this year is women's Health. Healthwatch Warrington would like to find out what is important to the women of Warrington. Please visit our website to complete our [online survey](#). This is a short poll of 4 questions, this will help us identify what is important to you and we can focus our work around areas that you have prioritised.

[Survey](#) closes in January 2023 and a report on findings will be shared at our 'Women's Health' event.

[Take the Survey](#)

## Events



Event celebrating women's health- [7th March 2023](#) find out about services and tell us YOUR experiences of women's health services in Warrington.

[Register your interest](#)

## Get involved



From talking to people about their experiences of health and social care, to writing reports, to updating our social media - [volunteers](#) are vital to our work.

Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for a regular commitment, we've got a volunteering role to suit you.

[Volunteer with us](#)