

Healthwatch Milton Keynes

Overall Activity

Over the past few months we have been undertaking an operational review of the organisation and working with an external consultant to write our strategy for 2015 – 18, which has now been published. Over the next few months we plan to introduce the strategy to key stakeholders, and it is available on our website or by requesting a copy from our office.

Healthwatch 2015

Our Annual Health and Social Care event in Central Milton Keynes is on Tuesday 3rd November in Middleton Hall. Last year we attracted over 100 different stalls covering the broad aspects of Health, Social Care and Wellbeing. The booking information for those who wish to book stands will be sent out by mid July, but interest can be registered now by contacting the office.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for the last week of September. Actual date should be available soon.

Update on Service Delivery Areas

Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review

The focus of our quarterly PPG networking meeting in June was on 'Care Closer to Home – What's happening and what's needed next'. The meeting was not long enough to cover the topic fully and so a "PPG Extra" meeting is being arranged for July. Actual date should be available soon.

Young People's Healthwatch Milton Keynes

There is a dedicated area on our main website for young people and the young people have created posters and leaflets to help others to know their rights and how to access services – these leaflets can be downloaded from our website.

GP Access

We have a number of initiatives underway. We are doing partnership visits with PDSICG (Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Consultation Group) to look at access for people with disabilities and Nadia Shaw, our board member who leads on health matters, is a part of the group working to deliver the initiatives being funded by the Prime Ministers Challenge Wave 2 Funding.

Integration of Health and Social Care and Mental Health

These are our other two priority service delivery areas, and we are actively working to see how we can encourage effective engagement in these two areas.