

HEALTHWATCH UPDATE	
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UPDATE 1	Our Annual Healthwatch event held in Middleton Hall on the 3 November 2015 proved once again to be a hugely beneficial one-stop shop for information. There were 92 different stalls across the Health, Social Care and well-being sectors covering charities, statutory bodies and private sector groups. There is a big additional benefit in providing an opportunity for networking between the organisations that attend.
UPDATE 2	We want to change the focus of our reporting to be more driven by the issues raised to us by the people of Milton Keynes – not on an individual basis but on trend basis. We produce a quarterly issues report, which gives useful background.
UPDATE 3	Specifically this time we have been made aware by the autism partnership board and its members that there is a lack of autism awareness generally amongst public facing bodies.
UPDATE 4	We are currently working with the MK Clinical Commissioning Group on their engagement strategy, and would value similar opportunities with Social Care and the Hospital. We are also heavily involved in the Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review at different levels.
UPDATE 5	The delivery of the service of Healthwatch is strategically directed by an elected Management Board. The first elections took place in February 2013, and, in line with our terms of governance, five of the ten places fall due for re-election December 2015. Standing for election is open to members of Healthwatch MK, and in the event of more people standing for election than there are places, then the voting is by the Healthwatch MK membership.