

Healthwatch Network Awards of Achievement 2020

To recognise and celebrate the value and significance of Healthwatch teams across the network who have demonstrated exceptional impact within local communities, we are inviting Healthwatch colleagues to celebrate your achievements in the following area:

Award for: Healthwatch Project: The impact we make working with partners

Rationale: To recognise the skills, benefits and collective impact of a Healthwatch team when working with partners (other Healthwatch, sector organisations, or a combination of the two) to deliver a project supporting improvements to health and social care services.

Criteria: Address each of the criteria in the two sections below to showcase the project you are most proud of delivering as a team, *with partners (as detailed above)*, which has seen significant impact within the community.

1. Overview of the project.

- I. **Summary of the project's main aims and outcomes**
(maximum 30 words. Not scored)
- II. **Names of partner organisations for the project** (maximum 50 words. Not scored)
- III. **Why was the project undertaken and partners chosen?**
(maximum 100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - clear evidence-based identification of a need for the project;
 - consideration around the needs of seldom heard groups;
 - decisions to work in partnership with other Healthwatch or partner organisations based on reaching particular audiences and/or increasing the likelihood of success.
- IV. **What did you want to achieve with this project?** (100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - long-term outcomes being clearly identified from the outset.
 - an understanding about how intended outcomes might differently affect people with protected characteristics or who experience discrimination or disadvantage;
 - the project team's consideration of how to make best use of the resources available for the project and appropriate to the scale of the organisation.
- V. **How did you work together?** (100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:

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- clear allocation of roles and responsibilities to make the best of each other's expertise;
- effective processes for co-ordinating the project.
- a collaboration that contributed to enhancing the reputation and profile of Healthwatch.

2. What impact has the project made in improving local people's experiences of health and social care?

- I. **Engaging the audience** (maximum 100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - the strength of team approach to engagement activity, including with your partner organisation/s?
- II. **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion** (maximum 100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - effectiveness of engagement and involvement of people from seldom heard communities.
- III. **Impact & outcomes - Making a Difference** (maximum 150 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - the extent to which you made a long-term difference for service users;
 - the effectiveness of measuring the difference you made.
- IV. **Evaluation and reporting** (maximum 100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - effective reporting of impact and outcomes that suited intended audience/s
 - identification of learnings from the project that will benefit future work?
- V. **Learning** (maximum 100 words. Scored)
The panel will be scoring applications on:
 - effective reflection on how aspects of the project could be adapted and implemented by other Healthwatch. Detail any tools or resources that could be shared.

Supporting evidence: You can include to a maximum of five links and one attachment as part of your overall submission. This could include, links to: pictures from events, news articles/media or resources and written materials which were developed as part of the project's delivery.

The project must have been carried out in the most recent Annual Report year 2019/20. You cannot enter your work delivered on the LTP. Please note that projects related to COVID activities will be a focus for the 2021 awards.



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Submission notes and guidance:

Award submissions should be no more than the provided word count stated in the criteria sections and must address the detail requested. The supporting evidence, as detailed above, can be submitted with your application.

Closing date for applications:

The closing date for all applications is **9am on Monday 14th September**.

The awards will be presented as part of Healthwatch Week: 2nd - 6th November 2020

What happens next?

A panel made up of Healthwatch England Committee will judge the awards based on a short list provided to them. The short list will be drawn up by scoring applications based on the criteria set out above.

Healthwatch England Committee: www.healthwatch.co.uk/our-committee

There will be five winners and five runners up in this category.

All applicants, including those shortlisted entries will be notified the week commencing 28th September, and award winners will be announced during Healthwatch Week 2-6 November.

Further information on Healthwatch Week will be announced in due course.