

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

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Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	19 November 2013
Officer	Director for Adult and Community Services
Subject of Report	Healthwatch Dorset - Update
Executive Summary	<p>Healthwatch Dorset came into being and began work on 1 April 2013. At the last meeting of the Committee members requested that Healthwatch Dorset be asked to provide an update on their development and progress in becoming established as the new consumer champion for health and social care services in Dorset.</p> <p>A report has been compiled by Healthwatch Dorset and is attached (Appendix 1). Louise Bate who is the Community Engagement and Outreach Officer for Healthwatch Dorset will attend the meeting and will be available to answer members' questions.</p>
Impact Assessment :	<p><u>Equalities Impact Assessment</u> Not applicable</p>
	<p><u>Use of Evidence</u> Report provided by Healthwatch Dorset</p>
	<p><u>Budget</u> Healthwatch Dorset is funded from central government via the local authority. The contract is managed by Dorset County Council on behalf of Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council and the Borough of Poole.</p>
	<p><u>Risk Assessment</u> Not applicable</p>

	<p><u>Other considerations</u> None.</p>
Recommendation	That the Committee notes and comments on the report.
Reason for Recommendation	The work of the Committee contributes to the County Council's aim to protect and enrich the health and well-being of Dorset's most vulnerable adults and children.
Appendices	1. Healthwatch Dorset – Update 19/11/13
Background Papers	None.
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