

**Healthwatch Oldham (HWO) is looking to recruit new Board Members**

**…to help improve health and social care services in Oldham and guide the work of Healthwatch**

Healthwatch Oldham is the local independent champion for people who use health and social care services. Our sole purpose is to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services. We use this feedback to shape the way services are designed and delivered in Oldham; ensuring that those running services put people at the centre of care.

Our main statutory functions as a local Healthwatch are:

* To obtain the views of people about their needs and experience of local health and social care services
* To make reports and recommendations about how those services could or should be improved
* To promote and support the involvement of people in the monitoring, commissioning and provision of local health and social care services
* To provide information and advice to the public about accessing these services and the options available.

Our main aim is to improve the experiences of residents, patients, families and carers using services now and in the future. The services we cover include GP practices, dentists, hospital-based services, pharmacies and social care services including care homes and help to live at home.

We are looking to ***appoint additional board members,*** preferably withmanagement/leadershipexperience in one of the following areas:

1. Adult social care services
2. Children and/or young people’s services
3. Domiciliary care or residential home services
4. Mental health services

We are specifically interested in hearing from people that represent communities, groups and people from diverse backgrounds and/or who may have any of the protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010.

If you are interested in joining the Healthwatch team but not sure that you fit with any of the above areas, please contact Anna Howarth the Healthwatch Oldham Manager to organise an informal chat on anna.howarth@healthwatch.org.uk

Alternatively, you can fill in the application form on the next page and return it to Martyn.Nolan@healthwatcholdham.co.uk

For more information about Healthwatch Oldham please visit our website at <https://www.healthwatcholdham.co.uk/>

**Expression of interest:**

**Application to join the Healthwatch Oldham Board**

**About you**

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| Address: |  |
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| Telephone Number: |  |
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| Email Address: |  |

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| 1. Please set out your responses to each of the three areas below, giving examples from your experience. This will help us to decide who to appoint, making sure we have a good balance of skills across the board.
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| Please select the main experience from those listed above that you feel you meet and explain why you think you meet this (max. 150 words). |
| 1. Please select any additional experiences you feel you meet and explain why you think you meet them (max. 150 words)
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| 1. Please read the person specification and explain how you meet the:
* Experience
* Skills and Abilities
* Knowledge
* Personal behaviour and style

(max 250 words) |
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**Willingness and ability to serve**

Being the person named above, I declare my willingness to be appointed as a Member of the Board of Healthwatch Oldham and to serve in that capacity if appointed.

I declare that I am not disqualified from acting as a Company Director and that:

* I either live and/or work in Oldham or have a knowledge of health and/or care services in Oldham;
* I am aged 18 years or over at the date of this election or appointment;
* I am capable of managing and administering my own affairs;
* I do not have an unspent conviction relating to any offence involving deception/dishonesty;
* I am not an undischarged bankrupt nor have I made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, my creditors *(ignore if discharged from such an arrangement)*;
* I am not subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an Order made under section 429(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
* I have not been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an Order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement nor am I subject to an Order under section 7 of the Law Reform Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, preventing me from being concerned in the management or control of any relevant organisation or body.
* I have not previously been dismissed from employment for misconduct in office or for deception/dishonesty.

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| Signed: |  |
| Date: |  |

Return the form to: Martyn.Nolan@healthwatcholdham.co.uk