Local Leadership Board Member Role Description

About Healthwatch Slough

Healthwatch Slough are the independent champion for people using local health and social care services in Slough. We listen to what people like about services and what they think could be improved and share their views with those with the power to make change happen.

We also share them with Healthwatch England, the national body, to help improve the quality of services across the country. Our sole purpose is to help make care better for people living in Slough.

Our staff and volunteer team play a significant role in the wide range of our activities and projects. More information about Healthwatch Slough can be found on our website: [healthwatchslough.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchslough.co.uk)

The Local Leadership Board

The Local Leadership Board takes collective responsibility for providing leadership for Healthwatch Slough.

Purpose of role and tasks:

* to contribute to leadership and accountability at local level
* to contribute to setting and agreeing priorities and the yearly work plan
* to support management, staff and volunteers
* to challenge management, in a constructive manner to ensure the best outcomes
* to monitor quality and impact and continually look for improvement
* to represent Healthwatch Slough on external committees to influence decision makers and support staff with external liaison, meetings are mainly within the county

Who would this role suit?

The role is open to Slough residents who have a strong interest in, and commitment to, improving Health and Care services in the county. Ideally, though not exclusively, the role is suited to individuals who have some knowledge of, or experience in health and/or social care.

Board members need to have good communication skills and the ability to represent Healthwatch slough and the voices of people that live in Slough.

**Additional Information:**

It is expected that the Board member role will require about 2 days per month to attend internal and external meetings. There are opportunities for greater involvement if your time permits.

During this period of recruitment, we are also looking for a new Chair for our leadership board. In addition to the above responsibilities, our Chair works closely with the Healthwatch Slough Manager, meeting regularly to provide strategic guidance for the service as well as sharing information and setting meeting agendas. The Chair attends multi-agency health and care meetings on behalf of the Board including the Health and Wellbeing Board run by Slough Council.

As members of the Healthwatch Slough team, our volunteers and board members are our ambassadors and use every opportunity to promote our work, share our successes, raise our profile and hear more experiences of health and care.