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Permanent Board elected for Healthwatch Leicestershire

The health and social care consumer champion, Healthwatch Leicestershire (HWL), has now elected a permanent Board.

Six Board members were voted in by the HWL membership from a pool of 13 candidates in December 2013.

The Board will consist of Gillian Adams, Fiona Barber, Kevin Blanks, Eric Charlesworth, Mina Rodgers and Sue Staples. Details of each Board member are available on the Healthwatch Leicestershire website:
www.healthwatchleicestershire.co.uk.

The role of the Board is to help determine the strategic direction of HWL and to ensure it provides a representative voice for as many users of health and social care services in the county as possible.

HWL is now seeking a permanent Chair to lead the Board. We are looking for someone of the highest calibre who has an empathy with the people of Leicestershire and who shares our passion for establishing Healthwatch as the consumer champion for NHS public health and social care services across the county.

This position of Chair attracts a remuneration of £7,500 per annum to reflect the work involved. Out of pocket expenses will also be paid.

Anyone interested in applying can find more information on the HWL website www.healthwatchleicestershire.co.uk.

Applications must be received by 12pm on Wednesday 29 January 2014. Shortlisted applications will be interviewed on Tuesday 4 February 2014.

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Notes to Editors

About Healthwatch Leicestershire

Healthwatch Leicestershire is the new, independent consumer champion for health and social care in Leicestershire. The organisation will help to shape and improve local health and social care in our community. Healthwatch Leicestershire is part of the Healthwatch national network, established by the Government to ensure local patients and users have a greater input to shaping and designing local services.

About Healthwatch England

Healthwatch England is the new, independent consumer champion for health and social care in England. The organisation has independent statutory powers, as stated in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to ensure the consumers' voice is heard and best practice is delivered in health and social care nationally. Healthwatch is also focused on providing leadership, guidance and support to the development of the Healthwatch network. To find out more please go to www.healthwatch.co.uk.