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Leicestershire residents asked to speak out on health and social care services

Healthwatch Leicestershire (HWL) is holding a number of public meetings across the county that invite the general public to speak up about their concerns relating to health and social care services they receive.

These events are an opportunity for local people to influence how health and social care services are provided in their community.

HWL is currently in the process of setting its priorities and is hoping to gain input from the public to help set five key local issues that will be the focus of their work to improve health and social care services in Leicestershire.

The first event will take place on Tuesday 22 October in Melton, followed by events in Oadby, Market Harborough, North West Leicestershire, Charnwood, Hinckley and Blaby.

For more information on individual events or to book please visit the Healthwatch Leicestershire website www.healthwatchleicestershire.co.uk/events

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Notes to Editors

Full list of events

Melton PERA Conference Centre Nottingham Road Melton Mowbray LE13 0PB	Tuesday 22 October	2pm - 4pm
Market Harborough Market Harborough Methodist Church Northampton Road Market Harborough LE16 9HE	Friday 25 October	10am - 12pm
North West Leicestershire Snibston Discovery Park Ashby Road Coalville LE67 3LN	Monday 28 October	10am - 12pm

Charnwood Loughborough Town Hall Market Place Loughborough LE11 3EB	Thursday 31 October	10am - 12pm
Hinckley and Bosworth The Atkins Lower Bond Street Hinckley LE10 1QU	Tuesday 5 November	2pm - 4pm
Blaby Blaby District Council Desford Road Narborough LE19 2EP	Monday 11 November	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Oadby & Wigston Brocks Hill Environment Centre Washbrook Lane Oadby LE2 5JJ	Tuesday 12 November	7pm - 9pm

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.