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One of the most influential people in the county appointed as Chair of Healthwatch Leicestershire

Rick Moore, who was named by the Leicester Mercury as one of the most influential men in Leicestershire in 2012, has been appointed as the new Chair of Healthwatch Leicestershire (HWL).

As Chair, Rick's role will be to lead and develop HWL to become a strong and transparent consumer champion that represents the views of Leicestershire's residents.

Rick now lives in the county, but was born and raised in Leicester. A chartered surveyor and law graduate, Rick runs his own Property Advice Consultancy. He is the longest serving magistrate in Leicestershire, having been on the bench for more than 30 years. Rick is also Chair of Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation and a trustee of the Hope Against Cancer charity.

Ricks brings a wealth of experience to Healthwatch Leicestershire, with expertise in motivating and leading Boards towards achieving positive outcomes.

Rick said, "I'm pleased to be appointed as Chair and recognise the importance of patients and the public having a voice in the health and social care services they receive. I look forward to leading Healthwatch Leicestershire in its work to become a credible consumer champion".

Rick's first task with the new Board will be to set and drive forward the strategic priorities for HWL following public consultations held at the end of last year.

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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.