

Join our Strategic Advisory Group

We're looking for new members

What is the Healthwatch Sheffield Strategic Advisory Group?

Healthwatch Sheffield is your local health and social care champion. From Stocksbridge to Mosborough and everywhere in between, we make sure NHS leaders and other decision makers hear feedback which can help to improve care. We bring the views and real life experiences of Sheffield people to the discussions that are shaping services for the future; we believe that involving citizens in how services are designed and run, is vital to ensure they work for the people using them.

In the last year we've looked at a wide range of issues including maternity services, autism diagnosis and support for children, dentistry, primary care, and adult social care – we focus on the issues that people tell us matter to them. We also give more of our time and resource to looking at issues where there are the greatest inequalities; we want the experiences of underserved communities to be heard by decision makers.

Our Strategic Advisory Group are volunteers who meet regularly to shape the strategic direction for the Healthwatch staff and volunteer team. We are looking for people to join the group who can contribute ideas, knowledge, experience and enthusiasm, to help us succeed in our demanding task. You will have all the skills required to work effectively with key organisations in the City, ensuring that they hear and take account of the views and ideas of Sheffield Citizens.

So, can you work with us? Do you have ideas and energy to bring? We are looking for committed and pragmatic people who are passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of people across ALL of Sheffield. If you are a local resident or work in the city and want to see the best health and social care services for Sheffield, we want to hear from you!



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Role description:

The **Strategic Advisory Group** is collectively responsible for:

- Working with the staff team to set the strategic direction, the vision, mission and values of Healthwatch Sheffield.
- Reviewing the impact of Healthwatch Sheffield's work on Health and Social Care in Sheffield.
- Ensuring that Healthwatch Sheffield meets its legal duties.
- Working in partnership with the Board and senior leadership of Voluntary Action Sheffield (as host organisation for Healthwatch Sheffield).

What we ask of members:

- To regularly attend and participate in SAG meetings, looking at papers beforehand – the group meets **monthly**, currently **4 in person** meetings per year (2 hours each) plus **8 virtual meetings** (1 hour).
- To join in discussion and decision making as part of the group.
- To act as an ambassador for Healthwatch – this may include attending meetings on behalf of Healthwatch Sheffield.
- To support and encourage Healthwatch Sheffield staff in the delivery of their duties.

This is a volunteer role, but expenses will be paid.

We are looking for people who have:

- An active interest in health and social care – for example as a patient, a carer or a clinician.
- An ability to think strategically about health and social care.
- Good understanding of involving people in decision making.
- Strong communication skills – able to listen to others, able to talk confidently with a wide range of people in different settings.
- The ability to challenge constructively to bring about improvement.
- The ability to analyse information quickly to support decision making.
- A commitment to quality and raising standards.
- A commitment to working inclusively – elevating the voices of groups and individuals from underserved communities.
- Time to carry out the responsibilities of the role, including sitting on committees, working groups and other bodies.

We especially encourage applications from people in underserved communities including people from racially marginalized groups, young people, LGBTQ+ and disabled people.

Personal stories: Being a member of SAG



"I have been a member of the Strategic Advisory Group for around 3 years. I attend meetings, during which we feedback on various reports and consultations in order to help inform Healthwatch Sheffield's strategy and priorities.

For instance, I have been involved in supporting Healthwatch Sheffield to form a response to a recent strategic review of Adult Social Care in Sheffield and I am also representing Healthwatch Sheffield as a proxy rep on an 'experts by experience' panel that is helping inform the development of a new model of homecare."



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What's the time commitment?



1 meeting
per month

How to apply

If you would like a discussion about the role, contact Lucy Davies (Chief Officer) 0742 7394101 or email l.davies@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk

You can also talk to Judy Robinson (Chair of the Strategic Advisory Group) – please make an arrangement for this via Lucy Davies, contact details above.



How to apply:

Apply online – Scan QR code or go to [Application for Strategic Advisory Group 2022 – Google Forms](#)

Email or phone for a word or paper copy of the form (contact Lucy Davies on details above)

The closing date for applications is 8am on **Thursday 7th July 2022**.



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