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## PROFILE

Tom joined Healthwatch Essex as a Research Officer in January 2021. His current research focuses on the employment and volunteering experiences of people with Learning Disabilities. This qualitative project examines routes to employment and volunteering by investigating the role played by family, households, education and health and social care. Moreover, it explores factors that promote meaningful employment such as organisational culture and how employees with Learning Disabilities are understood. He is also leading a Co-Design project with Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust in which people with Learning Disabilities and staff members work together to improve their local hospital services. Finally, Tom runs Co-Production training for partners of Healthwatch Essex and wider stakeholder groups.

Tom holds a PhD in Politics from Goldsmiths College University of London. His thesis examined whether processes of Collective Co-Production may be used to democratise governance within NHS services.

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Governance

Co-Production

Co-Design

Learning Disability