



## Trustee Vacancy

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Healthwatch Essex was created as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and the Government's aim of 'putting patients and the public first' through strengthening their collective voice. A national network of local Healthwatch organisations, and a national umbrella organisation, Healthwatch England were created. The purpose is to be 'an independent voice for the people of Essex, helping to shape and improve local health and social care services'. Our success depends on building constructive partnerships with the NHS, local councils, and voluntary and community organisations.

The staff team and our network of volunteers and Ambassadors undertake work that includes engaging the public in innovative and effective ways. We produce films, podcasts and engagement projects as well as carrying out high-quality social research and sharing our reports. We provide a telephone- and web-based Information Service to help the public access and understand the NHS and social care services. We anticipate that our work will continue to grow and diversify following the pandemic, as the needs of the people of Essex change and commissioners seek our knowledge and expertise to provide the best most widely accessible care and support.

**Trustee opportunity - Healthwatch Essex is governed by a Board of Trustees with a diverse range of skills and experience. We would like to add an additional Trustee with finance and accounting qualifications and experience to the Board. If you have these skills, can offer clear oversight and direction as a Board member and are interested in the work of Healthwatch Essex we would like to hear from you.**

For more information about the role of a Trustee and Healthwatch Essex, call the office on 01376 572829, or visit [www.healthwatchessex.org.uk](http://www.healthwatchessex.org.uk), or contact the Chief Executive Sam Glover [sam.glover@healthwatchessex.org.uk](mailto:sam.glover@healthwatchessex.org.uk), or the Office Manager Helen Wakeham [helen.wakeham@healthwatchessex.org.uk](mailto:helen.wakeham@healthwatchessex.org.uk).

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