

**healthwatch**  
Portsmouth



# What is Healthwatch Portsmouth?

- Healthwatch is the **local, public led, independent** group that makes sure people's voices are heard in decisions about health and social care services.
- We act as a local **champion** to help people speak up about the services they receive.
- We put local people at the heart of all services and make sure their voices are always heard.



# 2016 - 2017 highlights - engagement

- Walk-through report with recommendations looking at the QA Hospital's urgent care pathway + second walk through visit
- Mystery shopping activity looking at access to GP surgeries
- 'Why people choose go where for medical care/advice'

## Our Impact

- Our care pathway recommendations are taken seriously by senior management and acted on e.g. knock-on effect of changes on patients
- GP Surgery recommendations made (e.g space for private conversations, protocols for electronic reminders, online appointments, engagement with all sections of the community)

## Outcomes

- Improvements to hospital discharge processes, to be surveyed July 2017
- Healthwatch to visit practices this year to discover the improvements made



# What is our focus for this year?

- 8 statutory functions, internal, advocacy, small scale and larger projects
- Public and patient stakeholder feedback on our priorities - ‘top ten choice’
- Resulting top 4:

Hospital Discharge

Mental Health services

Experience of people in care homes

Differing methods of accessing GP services



# Community Engagement work

- Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) engagement work in 'phase 2' surveys
- Pharmacy Needs Assessment - patient survey and resulting 'PNA' consultation
- Enter and View with trained volunteers with learning disabilities to visit 2 care homes
- Hospital Discharge survey QA Hosp patients
- Mental Health services for young people
- Supporting 'advance care planning' programme for people living in care homes
- Differing methods of accessing GP services timings /range of health professionals



# Thank you for listening

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