

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Board Member:	Joan Rose, Healthwatch Board member
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Date of Meeting	3 rd September 2014

HEALTHWATCH BLACKPOOL ANNUAL REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive the first Healthwatch Blackpool Annual Report 2013 – 2014.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note Healthwatch Blackpool Annual Report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Healthwatch Blackpool has to produce an annual report as per the contract with Blackpool Council.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, it is necessary for the Board to consider the annual report.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

“Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable”

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Annual Report introduces Healthwatch Blackpool since its inception on 1st April 2013.
- 5.2 The Core Functions and Principles are identified and included IS the Governance arrangements and model in place with a selection of comments from members of the Executive Board and Advisory Group as well as the support team.
- 5.3 Stakeholder organisations views included identifying partnership working and to continue building positive relationships.
- 5.4 The report includes the work undertaken over the first year including Care Home Enter and Views, Patient Led Assessments of Care Environments (PLACE), Dentistry Survey, and Open Events. Also the founding of the Patient Participation Group Network with over half he Blackpool practices now represented.
- 5.5 The Financial information for 2013 / 2014 and that carried over to 2015 is given.
- 5.6 Future plans for 2014/2015 are identified to continue ongoing development, raising awareness of Blackpool Healthwatch and being a strong voice for health and social care issues raised by local people .
- 5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 List of Appendices:

Appendix 9a– Healthwatch Annual Report

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None