



Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen 2016/17 Projects Overview



How we chose our 2016/17 projects

We listened to you at Community Access Points, as part of our Targeted Engagement Projects, through our *Heads Up* trend monitoring & via an online poll to identify the Top Health & Social Care Themes & Priorities that matter to you.

Heads Up

We will be giving you or your organisation a say on what you think our priorities should be four times a year, this will ensure our projects are both reflective & reactionary of local needs, ensuring we are listening to the right people and addressing the issues that matter most to them.

We will be announcing another Key Topic later in the year.

Key Topic: Adult Carers



Key Topics look at specific areas of the Health & Social Care landscape in Blackburn with Darwen where issues have been identified.

Aim of Project

Listening to Adult Carers & the ones they care for on their experiences of Health & Social Care Services & their views on local provision.

Why Adult Carers?

A number of *Heads Up* respondents raised concern over provision for Adult Carers in Blackburn with Darwen.

When will the project take place?

June-Sep 2016

Key Topic: GP Surgeries



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Aim of Project

Understanding patient experience at GP practices whilst identifying differences.

Why GP Surgeries?

As part of our Small Area Engagement in which we engaged with over 800 residents, an inconsistency in regards to GP Surgeries was identified

When will the project take place?

May-Feb 2017

#personfirst: Homeless



#personfirst is an umbrella project which listens to the views & experiences of those most seldom heard in Blackburn with Darwen, those who are often deemed 'hard to reach' but rarely have the opportunity to have their expert voices put centre stage to influence change.

Aim of Project

To better understand the health & wellbeing of the homeless population in Blackburn with Darwen, their experience of local Health & Social Care Services and their views on local provision.

Why Homeless?

Findings from both our '*The Impact of Unemployment on Mental Health & Wellbeing*' & '*#blokesviews*' projects identified a need to listen to the views & experiences of the homeless population.

When will the project take place?

May-Feb 2017

#personfirst: Sensory Impairments



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Aim of Project

To explore how local Health & Social Care Provision meets the needs of those with visual & hearing impairments, with a focus on Accessibility, Communication & Experience.

Why Sensory Impairments?

Our Heads Up trend monitoring & a number of previous engagement projects identified a need to listen to those with Sensory Impairments.

When will the project take place?

May-Feb 2017

Amplify

Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen's dedicated Young Persons Project, designed & delivered by young people.



Schools

We will be engaging with young people in a minimum of four high schools within Blackburn with Darwen through both interactive workshops & regular themed drop in sessions. We will introduce & develop Amplify Champions within schools to both promote Amplify & be the voice of their peers.

Young Carers

Working alongside the Adult Carers Project to listen to the views & experiences of Young Carers.

Homeless

Listening to the views & experiences of Young People experiencing Homelessness whilst actively involving them in the project, as experts, facilitators & researchers.

Enter & View

Young people will Enter & View Young People's Health & Social Care Settings.

Your View Your Voice



What's it all about?

Debate, discussion, information & opinion sharing on a set monthly theme over a lively and interactive workshop, followed by lunch.

When & Where?

10.30-12.00pm on the fourth Friday of every month at Your Support Your Choice, Blackburn.

What's planned?

Date	Theme
27 th May	Mental Health & Relationships
24 th June	Adult Carers
22 nd July	TBC
26 th August	TBC
23 rd September	Fibromyalgia
28 th October	Older People
25 th November	Men's Health

Mental Health & Wellbeing Task Group



The group will lead on their own project in 2016/17, if you have lived experience, a knowledge or interest in Mental Health & Wellbeing we encourage you to get involved.

When & Where?

Meetings are held on a bi monthly basis 10-12pm at Blackburn Enterprise Centre & will feature a series of guest speakers.

2016/17 Dates:

Tuesday 26th April

Tuesday 28th June

Tuesday 23rd August

Tuesday 25th October

If you would like more information about Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen or any of the projects within our work plan please get in touch:

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