

# Oxfordshire PPGs

**News from you – News for you – News to share**

## Welcome to the PPG newsletter from Healthwatch Oxfordshire



Please do get in touch if you have any feedback about this newsletter or ideas for content for the next issue.

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## PPG webinars

Thank you to all who attended our recent webinars about patients' experiences of contacting GPs in Oxfordshire, and on access to GP and other health services for refugees and how PPGs can support this. Video clips from both webinars can be watched at

[www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/ppgs/webinars](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/ppgs/webinars)

## Who do you want to hear from?

What are the burning issues that your PPG wants to hear about? Please let us know ideas for topics for future webinars so we can arrange speakers to provide answers to your questions!

## PPG meetings

We have attended several PPG and PCN meetings recently.

If you would like us to attend your meeting, please email

[emma.teasdale@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:emma.teasdale@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk)

## Need some help getting your PPG back up and running?

Please email [emma.teasdale@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:emma.teasdale@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk) if you would like advice on how to do this, or if you have ideas you can share that worked well for your PPG.

As an example of good practice, White Horse Medical Practice PPG has just recruited new members after an advertising campaign and holding an open evening, including a tour of the practice.



## Come to our public event to hear about our work over the last year

- ⇒ Tuesday 5th July from 4–5pm
- ⇒ The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES



Tuesday 5th July  
#yourvoicecounts

Hear about our work over the past year and meet the team

Members of the team will talk about some of our achievements over the past 12 months and how we have helped to improve local health and social care services.

There will also be chance to ask questions. All are welcome!

To find out more, ask a question in advance, or let us know you are coming please email [hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk)

## Opportunities to get involved in our work



**Become a Healthwatch Oxfordshire Trustee** – If you care about the way local health and care services are run and want to make a difference to your community, please think about joining us as a Trustee. To find out more see [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/becomeatruster](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/becomeatruster)



**Become a Healthwatch Oxfordshire Ambassador** – We are recruiting a volunteer Ambassador to represent us on the Health Improvement Board. Find out more at [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/about-us/volunteer](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/about-us/volunteer)

## Read our reports

In the last few weeks we have published reports on:

- Rural Isolation in Oxfordshire
- Food and Healthy Lifestyles: What We Heard From The Sudanese Community
- Enter and View visits to the Integrated Primary Care Service and the Vaccination Hub, both at Chipping Norton Health Centre, and Eynsham Medical Centre



We have also published reports to the May and June meetings of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and to the May meeting of the Health Improvement Board.

Read all our recent reports at [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/reports](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/reports)

## In other news – The Abingdon gains veteran friendly GP practice accreditation

Congratulations to The Abingdon Surgery which has received accreditation as a veteran friendly GP practice. This accreditation programme, run by the Royal College of General Practitioners, supports practices to deliver the best possible care for patients who have served in the armed forces. See [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/veteran-friendly-gp](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/veteran-friendly-gp)