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Local news from your local Healthwatch

All the local news and coming events from Healthwatch Rutland - Mid May 2018

Would you like to play a leading role in shaping the future of Healthwatch Rutland?

We are seeking to appoint volunteer Board Members and a Chair to oversee and develop HWR as the independent champion for people who use Health and Social Care services in the county. To find out more about how you could make a real difference to the delivery of services to our community, see the detailed role descriptions and details of how to apply on our website [here](#). The closing date for applications is May 21st, 2018; interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in early June.

Mental Health Crisis?

A free 24/7 helpline for adults in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has been commissioned by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. It's provided by Turning Point and you can get help now by calling **0808 800 3302**. Face-to-face support is available by appointment: call 0808 800 3302 or email Leicestershire.helpline@turning-point.co.uk and they will call you back.

Breast Cancer Screening

It has been reported that up to 270 women in England may have died because they did not receive invitations to a final routine breast cancer screening. Speaking in the Commons, Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said 450,000 women aged 68-71 had failed to get invitations since 2009. The media story can be found [here](#). Breast screening contact information can be found [here](#). This includes a helpline number (0800 169 2692) for anyone who believes they might have been affected by a missed final screening.

Better Births

Read about the plans to transform maternity care in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on the Better Births website. This covers the maternity unit at Peterborough City Hospital; details can be found [here](#).

Consultation into extending Personal Budgets

The Department of Health and Social care want to know your opinion about giving more people the right to have personal health budgets and integrated personal budgets. Click [here](#) to find out more. The consultation ends on the 8th June 2018.

Child Abuse and Neglect - A New Quick Guide for Young People

The guide helps young people to understand what is meant by abuse and neglect and describes how they might feel because of their experience. It also explains what young people should expect from services and what they should do if they are not happy with the support they are getting. A list of organisations that can help is included. The guide is based on the NICE guideline on Child abuse and neglect and can be found [here](#).

University Hospitals Leicester (UHL) Commits to 'Step into Health' Pledge

In 2015 Leicester's Hospitals signed the Armed Forces Covenant to support our local Armed Forces community. This year that commitment was strengthened by signing the Step into Health pledge following a visit to the Career Transition Partnership, Regional Resettlement Centre, at Kendrew Barracks in Rutland. The article can be found [here](#).

Help NWAFT celebrate the NHS's 70th Birthday

North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (NWAFT) is inviting members of the public to share their photos and memories of its hospitals - Peterborough City Hospital, Hinchingbrooke Hospital and Stamford Hospital - as part of the national NHS birthday celebrations. Read more [here](#).

New Neighbours: Healthwatch for Leicester and Leicestershire

Healthwatch Rutland works closely with other local Healthwatch in neighbouring areas and we are pleased to share details of the new arrangements for Leicester and Leicestershire on our website [here](#).

10 top tips to get the most out of your GP appointment

Having been told that some patients report feeling rushed during appointments and struggle to make themselves heard, Healthwatch Lincolnshire (HWLincs) have put together some tips for getting the most out of GP appointments. As appointment times can be limited, in several areas local Healthwatch are promoting tips that could help you get the most out of visiting your GP. Read more on the HWLincs website [here](#). You can also read HWLincs' latest report "When will I be seen?" GP Patient Experience Report April 2018 on their website [here](#).

Consultation Regarding the Proposed Closure of Uppingham Surgery's Ketton Branch - Update

The survey questionnaire has been re-issued and incorporates comments from Healthwatch Rutland, NHS England and members of the public. The consultation will now end on 1 June. More details are available [here](#).

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