



# What is Healthwatch?



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Healthwatch is the name for organisations that help children, young people and adults speak up about health and social care in England.

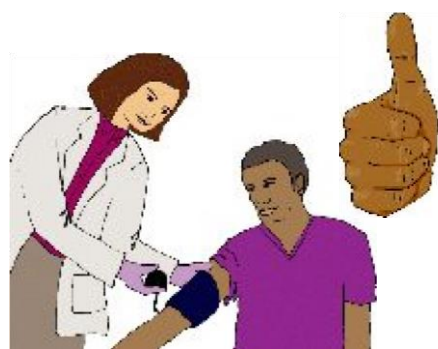


We will make sure that people who plan, run and check services:

- find ways to listen to people who use these services, like hospitals, doctors, dentists, care homes, day centres and home care



- think about what people are saying



- use this information to make services better.





The Healthwatch network has 2 parts:

- Healthwatch England is the national organisation



- Local Healthwatch works in local communities. In this area it is Healthwatch Northamptonshire.



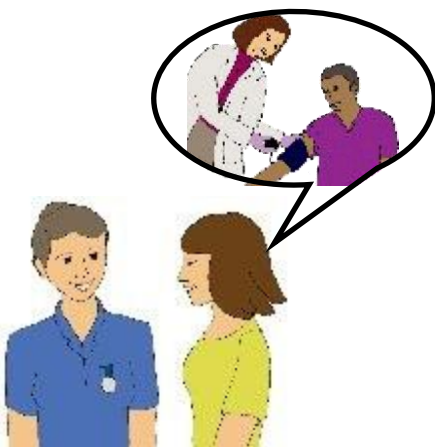
They work together to make sure people who use services are listened to by the government and in their local areas.



# About Healthwatch Northamptonshire



Healthwatch Northamptonshire help people get good health and social care services in their area.

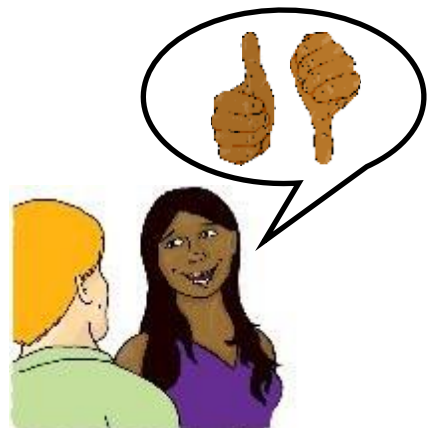


They give everyone a chance to say what services they need now or in the future.



They:

- give people information, advice and support about local health and social care services



- find out what people think about services







- can go into services and check how good they are

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- tell services what support local people need and how they want to get this

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- share information and ideas about how to do things with Healthwatch England and other groups.

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