

Subject:	GP Services in Brighton & Hove: A Healthwatch Perspective		
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Report of:	Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance and Law		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The HOSC has been monitoring city GP quality and sustainability for some time, seeking to ascertain what the local health and social care system is doing to identify GP practices which are performing poorly or are vulnerable to closure; and also to understand what steps the system is taking to increase the resilience of local GP services.
- 1.2 As part of this work-stream, Brighton & Hove Healthwatch has been invited to give its perspective on local GP services. Healthwatch has done a good deal of work in this area and its findings are brought together in its "Patient Perspectives on Brighton & Hove GP Practices 2016" (**Appendix 1**). Healthwatch will present this work to the HOSC meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the information provided by Healthwatch.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 See **Appendix 1**.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not relevant to this information report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 This item presents the views of Healthwatch, a key local community sector organisation.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This report is intended to contribute to the HOSC 'GP Quality and Sustainability' workstream.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 There are no financial implications directly resulting from this report.

Legal Implications:

7.2 There are no legal implications directly resulting from this report.

Equalities Implications:

7.3 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

8. SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Appendix 1: Healthwatch report on local GP services