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Subject: An invitation to work with Healthwatch Swindon to influence health and social care services

Hi there.

I am mailing you because you're on my list as someone involved with a health or care-related organisation locally. This is an invitation to you, colleagues, members or volunteers associated with your group or organisation – so please pass it on if need be.

One of our main Healthwatch roles is to ensure that local people are able to influence health and social care planning, commissioning and provision. To do that we need firm and effective connections with groups and organisations as well as with individuals. We want people to act as a link between us and you and to champion the cause with us. We also want and need people to act as Healthwatch representatives on local forums, committees and panels where we have a seat. There's rarely been a more important time for this as there are so many pressures on health and care services and changes are being planned and introduced right now. It's essential that we use the mechanisms available to get local voices heard. We already have a small group of local people working closely with us at the moment and we need more.

I am running a number of introductory sessions to explain more about what we do, how we do it and where you might be able to participate; I hope you or others might join me at **one** of them.

- The first is from 10-1 on Friday 17 February here at Sanford House;
- then there's one from 1-4 on Wednesday 22 March;
- and a third from 10-1 on Friday 28 April.

Please let me know if you'd like to follow this invitation up. Email or give me a call.

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