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To: **Health and Wellbeing Board – 17 September 2014**

Subject: Healthwatch Kent – Annual Report 2014

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Summary

This report contains the Healthwatch Annual Report for 2014. It outlines Healthwatch's vision, mission and values, its activities over the last year and its plans and projects for the future.

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Healthwatch Kent was established as a community interest company to fulfil the role of consumer champion for health and social care. Over the last year, Healthwatch Kent has established its infrastructure to fulfil its role and deliver its statutory functions which are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 1.2 The legal requirement to publish an annual report provides an opportunity to demonstrate to local people, stakeholders and the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board the progress that has been made in 2014 and to look forward to the coming year.

2. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the annual report which is at Appendix 1.

3. Background Documents

- 3.1 There are no background documents.
- 3.2 The annual report is at Appendix 1

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