

Join us as a Local Committee Volunteer

Passionate about community-led health & care?

At Healthwatch Enfield we have a Local Committee that represents local residents, patients, and carers in Enfield. It's an exciting opportunity for you to contribute to key conversations about health and social care, make connections, and access Healthwatch training.

What does the Local Committee do?

Our Local Committee meets six times a year where we discuss health and social care issues that are important to local people. It's an opportunity to raise our concerns about health and care services with commissioners and service providers to influence crucial decisions being made about local health and care services.

Our power to directly influence change with your support

Meetings you can join us at to influence the strategic direction of healthcare in Enfield:

- **Enfield Council's Health and Wellbeing Board**
A forum where local health and social care decision makers, and other partners, work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce health inequalities.
- **Enfield Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel**
A panel that has power to review and scrutinise the planning, provision, and operation of health and social care services in the area.
- **North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group meetings**
The organisation that commissions the health and social care services provided in Enfield such as community nursing, mental health provision, hospital care etc).

Responsibilities

<p>Advise managers and other Healthwatch Enfield staff using your expertise, knowledge, and perspective.</p> <p><i>We want our Local Committee Volunteers to tell us about health and care issues affecting residents by engaging with the local community.</i></p>	<p>Champion Healthwatch Enfield and its work at local meetings.</p>
<p>Monitor Enfield produce a range of reports on health and care. Help us to make them better through proper examination and observation.</p> <p><i>From time to time you may need to review health and social care documents.</i></p>	<p>Approve projects that you think will help improve health and social care outcomes in Enfield.</p>
<p>Keep connected. Attend meetings and events in Enfield and report back common themes and trends regarding health and social care issues.</p> <p><i>To positively promote Healthwatch Enfield to ensure that all members of the community are heard.</i></p>	<p>Represent. Be the face of Healthwatch Enfield at various local meetings and represent their interests.</p> <p><i>To feedback after meetings attended by sharing insight with local committee volunteers and staff.</i></p>

Who can become a Local Committee Volunteer?

Everyone who is over the age of 16 is welcome to become a Local Committee Volunteer. You will need to have a valid connection to Enfield - living, working, studying, using services, or community links within the borough.

Any individual who has stated they wish to be involved must be committed to furthering the objectives of our parent organisation, Healthwatch Central West London (Memorandum and Articles of Association). You will need to:

- demonstrate that you are actively linked to local community networks or can represent residents in the borough and not just yourself.
- have an initial informal discussion with the Engagement Lead and Chair of the Local Committee to talk about your interest in joining the Local Committee and the skills knowledge, and contacts that you could bring.
- regularly attend meetings throughout the year and keep good and regular communications with the other Local Committee Volunteers and Healthwatch staff.

Interesting in Joining?

If you are interested in becoming a Local Committee Volunteer in Enfield, please email michelle.malwah@healthwatchenfield.co.uk or call **0208 373 6283**.