



The Future of Independent Voice

You may have heard in recent news that the government has announced proposals to **scrap all 153 local Healthwatch** services across England.

This means that in the future, people must give feedback directly to a service. This is something we are often told people don't feel comfortable doing through fear of repercussions.

We are proud to be an independent, unbiased, organisation which represents public feedback about health and social care services and **we need your help** to stay this way.



Sign The Petition



A **petition** has been created with the aim of taking the conversation about the importance of independent voice to the house of commons.

To **show your support**, scan the QR code and [sign the petition](#). Please be sure to verify your signature with the email that will follow. Thank you.

Driffield Show 2025

In July, we attended the 149th Driffield show - we promoted the work we do and listened to experiences of services across the East Riding.

You can find a [full report](#) on the feedback we received this day on our website.

Thank you
everyone who
stopped by



We were joined by Hadeel, a fabulous volunteer!

Parkinson's Project

Our Parkinson's Project is well underway. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable.

The conversations and surveys will all be used with the report which will be published soon. To receive a copy, please email

elillico@healthwatcheastridingofyorkshire.co.uk or call 01482 665684.



Last Quarter - You Said

"There are not enough NHS dentists in Bridlington"



Last Quarter - We Did

We ensured resident voice is heard by the NHS as they look at ways to encourage NHS dentists to the Bridlington area.

Sexual Health Education



Sexual health education was a topic chosen by young people at our hub sites (Bishop Burton College, Longcroft Sixth Form and Hornsea Sixth Form) after they reported mixed experiences.

We worked with young people, including our Young Healthwatch team, to find out more about what was working well for students and what areas they felt could work better. Our team also heard from education staff, families, the CHCP Sexual Health Outreach Team and the Public Health Lead for this area.

We are pleased to share that the project is complete! We published the report in September and, as a result, work is already underway to make changes based on the feedback from young people.

Thank you to everyone involved, especially our volunteers who dedicated their time and expertise to this project.

Flu Vaccinations

As flu season is around the corner, now is the time to get protected. Getting vaccinated is the most effective way of protecting yourself against flu.

You can get the free NHS flu vaccine if you:

- are aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2026)
- have certain long-term health conditions
- are pregnant
- live in a care home
- are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance
- live with someone who has a weakened immune system



If you believe you should get the NHS flu vaccine but have not yet been invited for one, you should either book one at a pharmacy or contact your GP surgery.

Goole Hospital – Listening to Local Voices

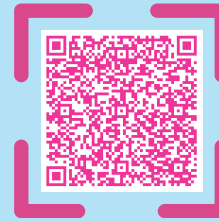
Over 100 people shared their experiences, concerns, and hopes for the future of Goole Hospital at recent NHS drop-in events. From praise for the excellent care provided locally, to concerns about travel, accessibility, and the future of services, this report captures

the voices of the Goole and surrounding areas.

You can read the report [here](#).



Read the report here!



Share your views with us

Have you had an experience with a health or social care service you would like us to know about? We're here to listen.

Contact us today to share your feedback:
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