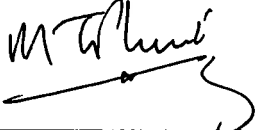




Haringey Council

Report for:	Adults and Health Overview & Scrutiny on 16th April 2013	Item Number:	
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Title:	Local Healthwatch Haringey – Summary Briefing Note
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for: Non Key Decision
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (H&SC Act 2012) abolishes LINKs (Local Involvement Network) and introduces Local Healthwatch, and a national body – Healthwatch England (HWE), to provide guidance to the Local Healthwatch (LHW). Local authorities have statutory responsibilities for setting up Local Healthwatch bodies and monitoring their work. Local Authorities also have responsibilities for contracting with organisations to support Local Healthwatch. Healthwatch had to be established by 1st April 2013.
- 1.2. This report updates Adults and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee regarding local arrangements for Healthwatch Haringey.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Local authorities have specific statutory duties in relation to LHW and had to ensure that LHW was in place by 1st April 2013. The duties include commissioning LHW, funding it, providing the contract reporting and management function to ensure that it is effective and delivers services within a value for money framework,