# **Quarterly Performance Report**

Year 1 Quarter 2 (new contract)

# February – April 2024





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### **About Healthwatch Warwickshire**

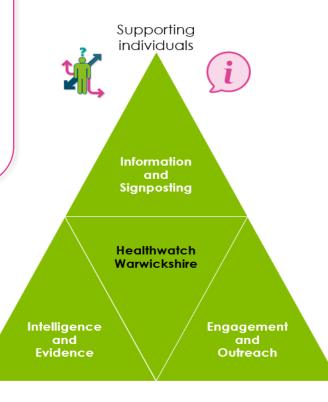
Healthwatch Warwickshire is your health and social care champion. If you use health services or need care, we want to hear about your experiences. We can also help you to find reliable and trustworthy information and support. Last year, we helped 28,298 people to have their say or get the support they need. Visit our website to find out more.

### Healthwatch Warwickshire Priorities 2023-2024

Improving care over time.

Promoting continuous engagement.

Developing and promoting Enter and View



#### Our aims are:

**Listening** to people and making sure their voices are heard.

**Including** everyone in the conversation especially those who are frequently ignored.

**Analysing** different people's experiences to learn how to improve care.

**Acting** on feedback and driving change

**Partnering** with care providers, Government, and the voluntary sector.





# Strategic influence

# This quarter, February to April 2024, we represented the people of Warwickshire at 19 strategic meetings. Outcomes included:

#### Coventry & Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB):

HWW CE met with ICB Engagement Lead, they agreed to explore continuous engagement together, following a discussion on the range of ways to engage with patients and the public.

### Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (QSEC) of the ICB:

Commented on KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) in use by QSEC and the ICB.

#### Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership (MNVP):

Met with the MNVP Chair, HW Coventry and ICB representatives. Shared expertise on gathering patient feedback, including designing and carrying out surveys, and analysing data for inclusion in reports.

#### Women's Health Steering Group (ICS):

Shared HWW Menopause Report and recommendations with Programme Manager; "Thanks very much for our meeting and this information. This is very useful will be important for our work on Women's Health."

#### Warwickshire Care Collaborative Consultative Forum:

Agreement about the importance of "trying to link patient level data between social care and health", and the need to further develop and clarify the reporting arrangements across the system. Support given for the system-wide service review into the Social Prescribing contract and agreed to the draft scope outlined within the paper for this service review.

#### Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Chair of HOSC agreed that HWW concerns about Incontinence Services, reference to the Healthy Ageing JSNA in the Adult Social Care Strategy, HWW Menopause Report and HWW Veterans Survey will be in the future HOSC work programme. HWW to assist with a menopause support and information group for men, alongside Action Menopause Warwickshire.

# Partnering for change

We worked with partners at 36 meetings this quarter, to support the people of Warwickshire to access the care they need.

Area our partnership meetings relate to

#### **ICB Dental Commissioning**

HWW has been asked to participate in the evaluation for Coventry and Warwickshire's procurement of dental services. We have also been asked to carry out engagement on children's dental care in Warwick District.

### **CWPT Talking Therapies**

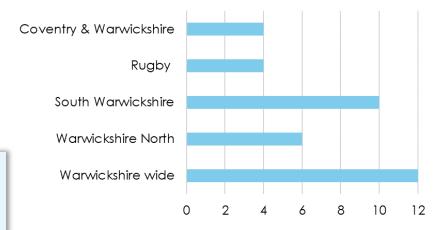
We met with Talking Therapies staff to plan joint events and communications opportunities for Mental Health Awareness Week.

#### **SWFT Board of Directors Workshop**

HWW shared patient feedback ahead of the Board Directors meeting and offered to provide more detailed feedback on SWFT services.

#### **Rugby PLACE**

We presented the findings from our 'State of Care in Rugby' Health and Social Care Forum, to the members of the Rugby Health and Wellbeing Partnership.



#### **CWPT CEO**

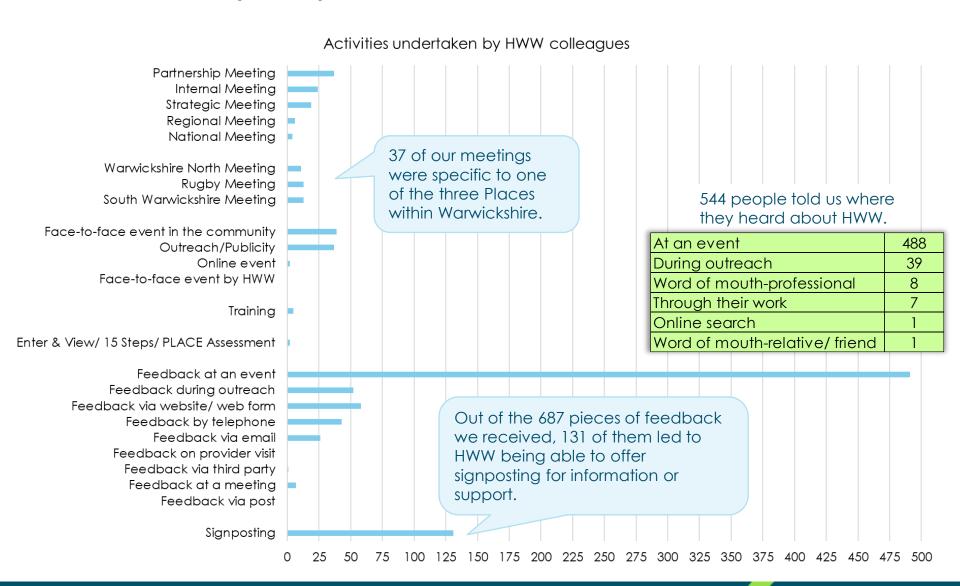
HWW and HWC heard about the changes to clinical leadership and the new Children's Directorate, from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CWPT.

#### **West Midlands Ambulance Service**

HWW discussed patient issues around waiting times and delayed care. Suggestions around realistic expectations and sharing up to date information were also discussed.

# Our visibility in Warwickshire

Between February and April 2024, we recorded 867 activities.



### **Engagement and Outreach**

This quarter we engaged at 44 events, or opportunities for outreach and publicity, (45% of these were face-to-face). We gave 15 presentations. Our Engagement and Outreach work reached an estimated 2,525 people.

### Kind Communities Kind Food Event

HWW ran an information stall, at the event in Mancetter, organised by the Community Team at WCC and EQUIP. We shared HWW Veteran's Health Project details including to ACT On Energy, a local councillor, and WRCC.



# WCC Health and Wellbeing Bulletin

Our HWW
Menopause Report
was featured in the
bulletin for March
2023, with a link to
our website for
further information.

### Rugby Myton Support Hub

HWW visited a group, delivered a presentation and spoke about our work. We heard feedback about GPs, pharmacy and medication delivery.

#### **Warm Hubs**

We attended local Warm Hubs 16 times this quarter, listening to people's experiences of health and social care and offering information and signposting for support.



# Mencap Heart of England Reach Out Group

We asked the **Ambassadors for Adults** with Learning Disabilities to share their thoughts on adult social care with us. and published findings on our website. This quarter we shared the findings with the Communications and Involvement Manager at Coventry & Warwickshire ICB, and the Commissioner for Maintaining and Promoting Independence, at WCC. We reported back to the group that Turning Point provide Independent Travel Training.

# **Engagement and Outreach**

Between 26 January and 31 May 2024, we are focusing our engagement on Armed Forces Veterans in Warwickshire North. Our survey helps us to gather health and care experiences of anyone who has formerly served in the UK Armed Forces, including as Reservists.



One of our initial aims in this work was to inform about NHS health checks, and the variety of support options available to Veterans, for those who are interested.

"Not sure I would go for a health check as I have been out of the services many years."

Nuneaton resident

"I try to keep myself to myself and therefore not take up time in these organisations so others may have access." Bedworth resident HWW have so far attended 38 events, or opportunities for engagement/ outreach, with Veterans this quarter. One of these was a Health and Wellbeing Event at Gurkha Corner run by the British Gurkha Association and attended by a Macmillan nurse, the GEH community team, Alzheimer's Society, a Primary Care Network Health & Wellbeing Worker and Digital Lead, plus an interpreter for the Nepali Community.



The full report on our findings, plus recommendations, will follow the closure of the survey (end of May 2024).

# Digital communications

We communicate digitally via our website, newsletter and social media channels.

We post on social media every day.

#### Twitter/X:

1,766 Followers
Visit us on Twitter/X

#### Facebook:

574 Followers and 503 Page Likes.
Visit us on Facebook

#### Instagram:

SOCIAL MEDIA

166 Followers <u>Visit us on Instagram</u>

#### Most popular posts:

Information about our Veterans Health Engagement, including links to our HWW webpage and survey. Veterans' Health We produce an email newsletter every three months. Our 'April Updates' newsletter was sent to 1,128 recipients.

It was opened by 416 people (37%)

The most popular article was: The link to the Healthwatch Warwickshire Quarterly Performance Report for November- January 2024, on our website.

November 2023 - January 2024

The last QPR, published on our website

NEBSITE

4,753 people visited our website this quarter.

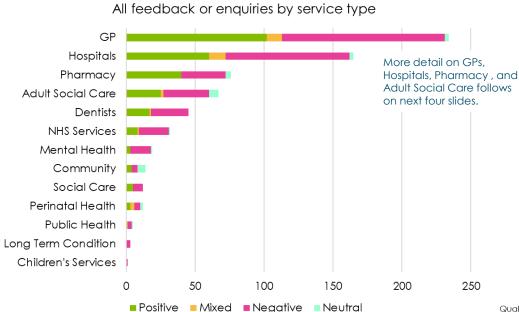
The most popular pages were:

- -<u>Homepage</u> (1,200 views)
- -MENTalk/ WOMENTalk mental health support (520 views)
- -Work With Us (390 views)
- -<u>Veterans' Health Survey</u> (270 views)



### What we heard

# Between February and April 2024, we received 687 pieces of feedback about local services.



HWW often hear the most feedback about GPs and Hospitals across Warwickshire. We encourage people to tell us about their experiences, either good or bad, in any health or care setting.

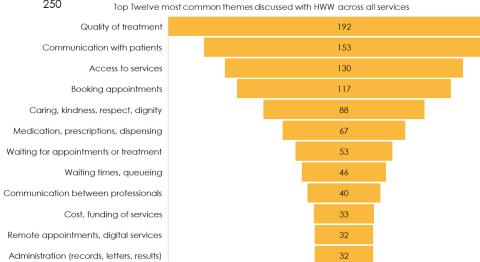
We categorise the feedback into themes.

"I explained to my new dentist that I was nervous, and they were fantastic at explaining the procedures, what and why they were doing certain things."

Nuneaton resident

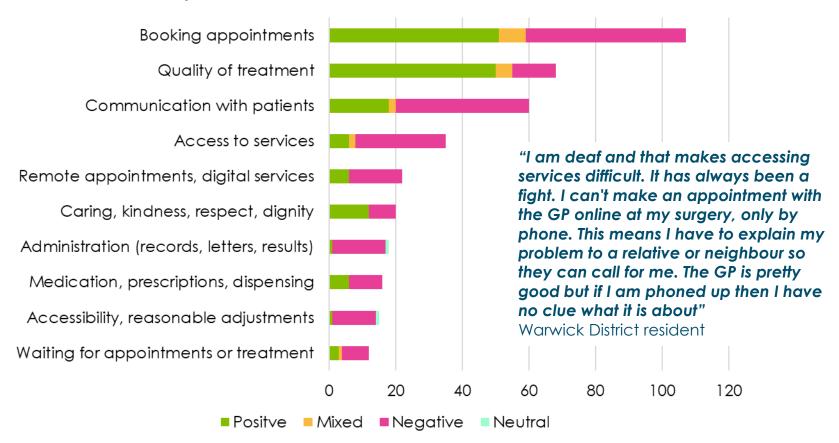
"My parent was unwell and called NHS 111 and was told they had an appointment at the urgent treatment centre at George Eliot. We went there to find that they do not book appointments and that 'This happens all the time'. It was good service and quick once we were there, but the mis-communication could have led to anger towards staff."

Bedworth resident



### What we heard about GPs

### Top Ten themes discussed with HWW about GPs



"The triage system is good and reassures me that it will stop diseases spreading so I won't catch something if I go into the practice. I had a smear test this week, it was on time, and it was only me waiting in the waiting room."

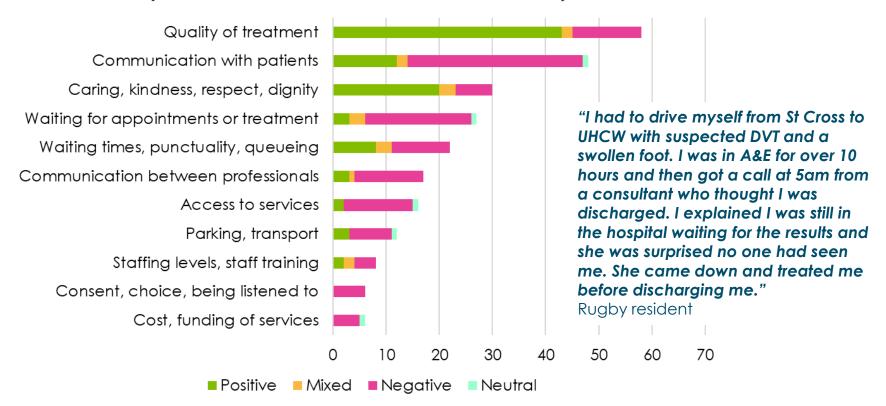
Nuneaton resident

"I'm very pleased with the GP surgery. Had an appointment which was same day, referred to George Eliot and seen within a week. Felt very listened to at every step, clearly explained what was happening. I was actually surprised how good everything was, as expecting problems."

North Warwickshire resident

# What we heard about Hospitals

### Top Ten themes discussed with HWW about Hospitals



"I had an operation at Stratford Hospital, and I was very pleased, it is easy to find. Nurses, doctors and surgeons were all good." Stratford District resident "I needed my hearing aids adjusted and had to go to Warwick Hospital to get them resized but then had to go to Stratford Hospital to get them set up. It would be more convenient if this could all be done together. Parking is bad at Warwick".

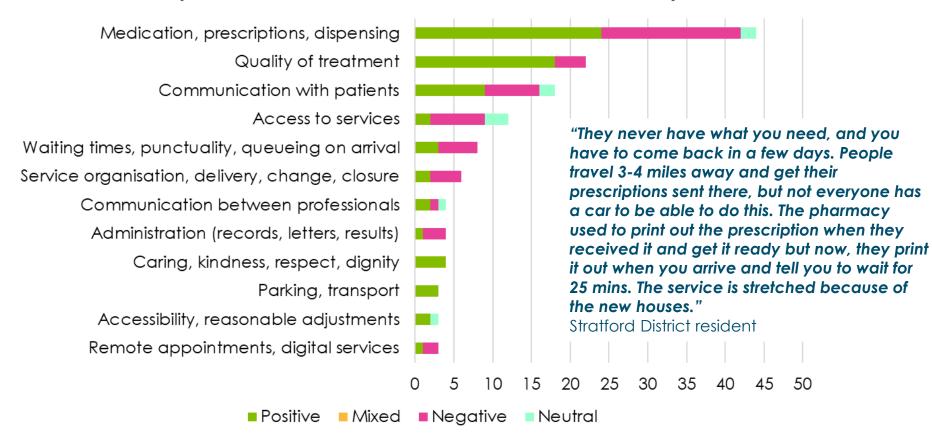
Stratford District resident

"I had a knee replacement at George Eliot, I had good care and the check-ups have been good."

Bedworth resident

# What we heard about Pharmacy

### Top Ten themes discussed with HWW about Pharmacy



"No.8 pharmacy is very good. They always have my meds ready. They are open long hours, 7 days a week."

Bedworth resident

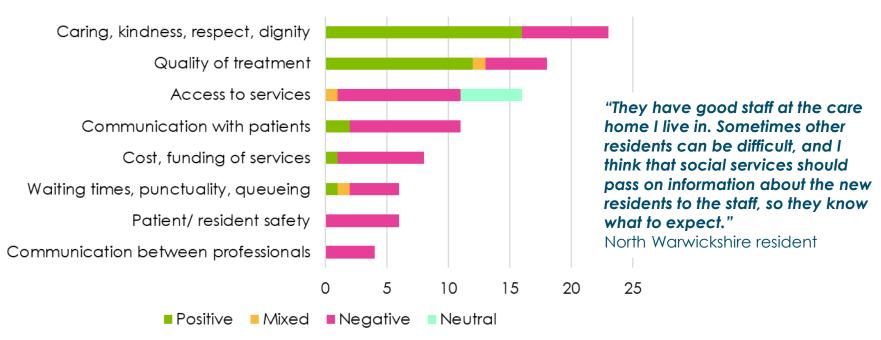
"Cubbington Road pharmacy - they are one of the best I have used, and I have never had an issue getting my prescriptions there."

Warwick District resident

### What we heard about Adult Social Care

Every 3 months we provide anonymous feedback to Warwickshire County Council's Adult Social Care Team about feedback we have heard.

# Top themes (mentioned more than 3 times) discussed with HWW about Adult Social Care



"They could probably do with more staff at the care home, they have a difficult job, but they work hard and keep smiling." Warwick District resident "I've been receiving care from carers four times a day, they are helping me to dress, cook and bathe. They are lovely carers, I'm happy with the support they are providing me."
Rugby resident

"One of my friends is disabled and they got help with adaptations in the home. My partner has a similar disability, but we have got nothing how do I know what I am entitled to?"

Warwick District resident

### Focus on Warwickshire North

261 people gave us feedback about services located in Warwickshire North this quarter. We attended 52 meetings, outreach or events. 53% of the feedback we heard from people who live in Warwickshire North was negative.

#### This quarter:

- We attended 38 events, and publicised our survey, to gather feedback on Veteran's experience of health and care.
- An enquirer will receive support after we liaised with Carers Trust on their behalf, as they
  are not coping with the distance they must travel to see their spouse in a care home. "I
  no longer feel safe on the roads, and they will not put my spouse nearer to home due to
  cost." North Warwickshire resident
- We fostered relationships with staff at Housing 21, attending a residents coffee morning, and emailing links to information about community transport in North Warwickshire, and Health transport from Warwickshire County Council.
- We signposted and shared printed information about Voice Connect and the NHS App, at several events, following the closure of the POD telephone service: "I previously used POD to arrange my partner's prescription, but this is coming to an end. My partner was dependent on the prescription ordering service. I have been unable to register with the NHS App. I do not have a smart phone. The photo ID did not pass the checks and they have not told me specifically what the problem is." Nuneaton resident

Place Plan, on Happy Healthy Lives website

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In March 2024 we bid a fond farewell to Carla Searle as she moves into her new and challenging role with Birmingham University.

**Next quarter:** We welcome a new Engagement and Outreach Officer for Warwickshire North to our Healthwatch Warwickshire staff team in June 2024.

# Focus on Rugby

30 people gave us feedback about services located in Rugby this quarter. We attended 17 meetings, outreach or events. 67% of the feedback we heard from people who live in Rugby was negative.

#### This quarter:

- We attended information and signposting events including for residents of an Orbit Housing property.
- We heard concerns including West Midlands Ambulance Service waiting times,
  difficulties for residents travelling to UHCW, and medication issues. "The GP sends
  electronic prescriptions to the pharmacy but sometimes the medication isn't in
  stock, so I get the pharmacy to give me the paper copy and I travel around to
  different pharmacies to get the medication. It worries us if we can't get the
  medication, what we will do?, as we rely on it." Rugby resident
- We presented the findings from our 'State of Care in Rugby' Health and Social Care Forum, to members of the Rugby Health and Wellbeing Partnership.
- We provided an enquirer the phone numbers and addresses for four GPs closest to them, as they told us they were having difficulty registering with a doctor. "I need a doctor, I use 111 service, I've tried several, but they refused to help, although I am in the catchment area, but they say I am not." Rugby resident



Place Plan not currently available, on Happy
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Vina, Engagement & Outreach Officer for Rugby

**Next quarter:** Rugby Pharmacy Survey, findings will be fed back to the LPC in July.

### Focus on South Warwickshire

306 people gave us feedback about services located in South Warwickshire this quarter. We attended 35 meetings, outreach or events. 49% of the feedback we heard from people who live in South Warwickshire was negative.

#### This quarter:

- We attended Warm Hubs and community events, including Great Alne Community Action Day where around 250 people attended, hearing about our work and sharing feedback about services with us.
- An enquirer will receive a care assessment after we liaised with WCC Adult Social Care
  Services: "I used to have a carer come for 3 hours every week to help me cook. The carer left
  and my social worker said she would sort out someone else. This was a year ago and I haven't
  heard anything." Warwick District resident
- We provided feedback on the ICS Infant Feeding Strategy, encouraging the use of 'parents',
  rather than 'mothers', to improve inclusivity. We shared specific comments from our South
  Warwickshire engagement with SWFT and health visiting. Following our work, the infant feeding
  team have set up a new pilot service in South Warwickshire which has been very successful.
- We heard about the difficulty in accessing services particularly if people are not online: "My
  doctor told me to self-refer for physiotherapy, but I am not online and don't have an email
  address". Warwick District resident "The doctors send me texts with web links, and I don't have
  any means to open them, so I ignore them." Stratford District resident
- We assisted a Care Manager, who was concerned that some residents couldn't access
  prescriptions through the NHS App, causing medication delays. We researched local GPs and
  shared online and telephone options for repeat prescriptions with the manager.



Place Plan, on Happy Healthy Lives website

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Caroline, Engagement & Outreach Officer for South Warwickshire

Next quarter: Engagement and survey on children's dental care across Warwick District.

# Information and signposting

This quarter, we provided information and signposting to 131 people. Some people were signposted to more than one organisation. We provided 170 signposts.

Signposted to	Number
Healthwatch	33
GP	31
Support organisation-General	29
Warwickshire County Council (WCC)	20
NHS	17
University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW)	9
Integrated Care Board (ICB)	7
Coventry and Warwickshire Partenrship Trust (CWPT)	5
Dental	5
George Eliot Hospital (GEH)	5
South Warwickshire University Partnership trust (SWFT)	5
Care Quality Commission (CQC)	1
Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)	1
Pharmacy	1
Support organisation- Carers	1

Healthwatch signposts included to our own website information pages, and other local Healthwatch or Healthwatch England, where appropriate.

We have listed Support Organisations as either –General, or -Carers.

"(The HWW staff member) was the only person last week who helped me keep my sanity, she was wonderful to talk to. I will champion your cause at every opportunity, seriously, you have helped both of us immensely and I am unbelievably grateful to you."

# Our impact in Warwickshire

#### What we heard and what we did

### **HWW Menopause Report - update**

Following the launch of our report last quarter we have continued to share the findings and push for action on our recommendations.

- -Report link published in WCC Health and Wellbeing Board bulletin.
- -Report shared with HW Solihull, who are considering a similar project.
- -Report findings included in WCC HOSC Menopause Task & Finish Group's report, recommendations around empowering individuals, knowledge sharing, training for staff, and improved access to experts- all endorsed by the committee. These will now be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- -HWW agreed at HOSC to assist with a men's menopause support and information group, alongside Action Menopause Warwickshire.
- HWW met with the Programme Manager for Women's Health (C&W ICB) shared report, including recommendations, and local support group links –we will present our menopause report at a future women's health hub meeting: "Thanks very much for our meeting earlier today and this information. This is very useful and will be important for our work on Women's Health." Programme Manager

"I've pointed several people towards HWW, and they have been really pleased with the help you gave them. People are reluctant to complain about GPs for fear it will affect their care and there is no equivalent to PALS."

Patient Rep

### PALS improvements underway

Warwick Hospital PALS are implementing new procedures. HWW shared feedback, via the CQC Hospitals Inspector, that patients were concerned about how complaints were being dealt with. HWW will continue to monitor relevant feedback.

# Raised awareness of alternatives following POD (Pharmacy Ordering Direct) telephone service closure.

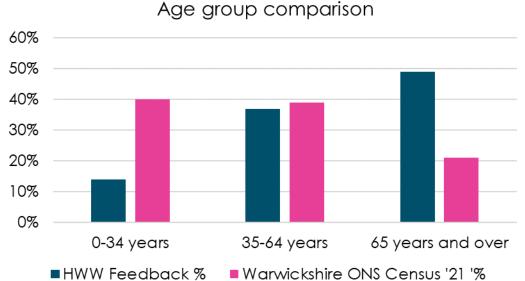
We have created and shared webpages and printed out details on how to download and use the NHS App, and the Voice Connect phone line, and have been sharing these with people in affected areas.

### Training for care home staff now available

A family member contacted us concerned that their relative, a resident in a care home in South Warwickshire, would not be able to administer their own eye drops post cataract surgery, which may have delayed the surgery indefinitely. Training for care home staff for the specialist task of administering post-operative eye drops was not currently available from the local authority. HWW liaised with WCC and have helped to facilitate the appropriate training. Four staff members were signed up initially, the training will also be offered more widely.

### Who we heard from

### We heard feedback from 687 people between February and April 2024



- 297 people chose to share their age with us.
- 166 people chose to share their ethnicity with us. We are aware when 'categorising' ethnicity, that the existing choices are not always suitable.

Not all figures are shown for Warwickshire

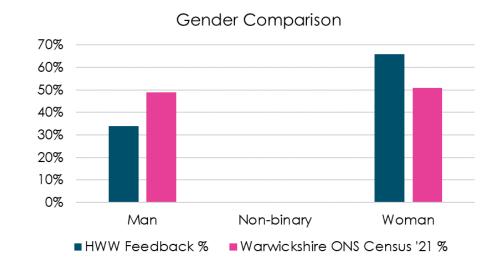
**Ethnicity of** 

dback % ■ Warwickshire ONS Census '21 '%	providing feedback to HWW	Comparative figures for Warwickshire
White: British/ English/ Northern Irish/ Scottish/ Welsh	83%	82.10%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	5%	4.10%
White: Any other White background	5%	5.90%
Any other ethnic group	2%	0.90%
Asian or Asian British – Any other Asian or Asian British Background	2%	1.00%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	1%	0.50%
Black / Black British: Any other Black / Black British background	1%	0.20%
Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups: Black African and White	1%	0.20%
Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups: Any other mixed/Multiple ethnic groups background	1%	0.50%
Prefer not to say	1%	NA

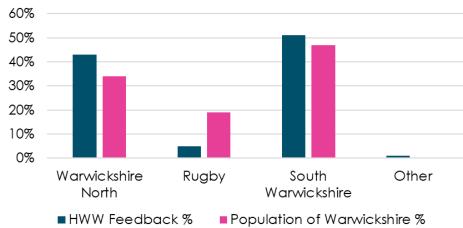
### Who we heard from

We ask people about their personal circumstances to help us ensure that we represent the people who live in Warwickshire.

- **385** people chose to share their **gender** with us. One person told us they are non-binary.
- When asked 'Is your gender different to the sex you were assigned at birth? Nobody said 'yes'.
- We have extended our Veterans Health Survey, focussed on Warwickshire North, until the end of May, so will include those demographics next quarter.







- 56 people told us they have a Disability.
- 134 people told us they have a Long-Term Condition.
- 83 people told us they are a Carer.
- 13 people told us they are Ex-Armed Forces Veterans.
- 7 people told us they had given birth in the last 26 weeks.

### **Our Board and Volunteers**

Currently our one full time and 7 part time members of staff work alongside 10 Volunteers and 8 Board Directors.

### **Board Directors activity this quarter:**

- -Attended one formal, and two informal, Board Meetings.
- -Represented HWW at Warwickshire North Place Executive Board, Warwickshire Aging Well regional meeting and the HWE East & West Midlands regional meeting.
- -Attended an internal Board Strategy Meeting
- -Assisted on the recruitment panel for a new Engagement & Outreach Officer.
- -Attended South Warwickshire Place Executive Board.

### Volunteers' activity this quarter:

- -Took part in 'Support and Supervision' sessions with staff.
- -Assisted with Enter & View training for other colleagues.
- -Assisted on the recruitment panel for a new Engagement & Outreach Officer.
- -Signposted to HWW, HWE and other organisations via social media.
- -Participated in preparation for an Enter & View visit.
- -Attended the HWW Volunteer Forum (face-to-face).

# **Colleague Development**

Our Staff, Board and Volunteers regularly undertake in-person and online training to stay up to date with local developments.

Training attended	Outcome of attending
WCC e-learning module. Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)	An overview of the reasons for deprivation of liberty and the legal basis.
WCC Carer Aware	An overview of the definition of a carer and the benefits of having a carer assessment. Invaluable for signposting, particularly as a reminder of all the support available for carers.
HWE workshop: Young people and mental health	Included presentations from HW Sutton and HW Suffolk on their reports on young people's mental health. Discussed challenges, highlighted importance of co-production with both young people, and strategy and commissioning bodies to ensure engagement and impact. <b>Take aways from workshop:</b> Local authority to invite HW to present at a head teachers' meeting. Engaging with schools needs to be persistent and feedback to be shared with individual schools as incentive. Need to map and understand local young people's services.

# **Looking Forward**

### Our plans and commitments for the next quarter.

### April

- HWW Informal Board Meeting
- WCC Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- ICS Involvement Coordination Network
- The PIPER Study: Collaborators Research Team Meeting
- Presented HWW
   Menopause
   Report, as part of
   Task & Finish
   Group, at HOSC
- HWW Rugby
  Pharmacy survey
  opens

### May

- HWW Armed Forces Veterans Health Survey closes
- HWW Children's Dental Survey for Warwick District opens
- HWW Formal Board Meeting
- HWW Operations Committee
- HWW Board Strategy Meeting
- WCC Health and Wellbeing Board
- HW East and West Midlands Regional Meeting

### June

- HWW Volunteer's Celebration Walk
- HWW Informal Board Meeting
- New Engagement & Outreach Officer for Warwickshire North joins the HWW staff team
- SWFT Board Workshop
- Armed Forces Week celebrations
- Warwick University
   Applied Research
   Collaborative Executive
- Meeting ADASS representative (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services)

### July

- HWW presents findings from Rugby Pharmacy Survey to LPC.
- HWW Formal Board Meeting
- JSNA Strategic Group
- The PIPER Study: Collaborators Research Team
- ICB Meeting
- HW East and West Midlands Regional Meeting
- Analysing feedback from Veterans Health Survey

### **Finance**

We are funded by the Department for Health and Social Care, via commissioning at Warwickshire County Council.

The below are figures from last financial year, April 2022 - March 2023.

Income	
Local authority funding	£227,065
Additional	£8,486
Total income	£235,551

Expenditure	
Staff costs	£180,198
Operational costs	£51,817
Total expenditure	£232,015

Figures for the financial year ending 31 March 2024, will be available on completion of audit. (Estimated June 2024)

# Glossary

We aim to communicate in plain English and try not to use jargon. Sometimes we use acronyms, which are explained below.

Acronym	Term
CASS	Community Autism Support Service
СС	Care Collaborative
ССС	Coventry City Council
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CWPT	Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust
GEH	George Eliot Hospital
HOSC	(Adult Social Care and) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
HWBB	Health and Wellbeing Board
HWC HWE HWW	Healthwatch Coventry Healthwatch England Healthwatch Warwickshire
ICS ICB ICP	Integrated Care System Integrated Care Board Integrated Care Partnership
JSNA	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
LMC	Local Medical Committee
LPC	Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Acronym	Term
NHSE&I	National Health Service England & Improvement
PALS	Patient Advice and Liaison Service
POD	Prescription Ordering Direct
QSEC	Quality, Safety and Experience Committee
RAP	Rights to Access Primary Care Project
PCN	Primary Care Network
PPG SWPE	Patient Participation Group South Warwickshire Patient Engagement Forum
SWGP	South Warwickshire General Practice Federation
SWFT	South Warwickshire University Foundation Trust
UHCW	University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise
WCAVA	Warwickshire & Solihull Community and Voluntary Action
WCC	Warwickshire County Council



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