

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

We are pleased to be announcing our first ever Healthwatch Norfolk Dental Summit which will be of interest to lots of people living locally who have faced issues finding an NHS dentist.

Please share the information below with your local community and if let us know if you'd like any posters to display within your local area.

Kind regards

Ollie George
Communications Officer

A promotional poster for the Healthwatch Norfolk Dental Summit. The background is dark blue with white and light blue geometric shapes. The Healthwatch Norfolk logo is in the top left. The main title 'Dental Summit' is in large white font. Below it, a subtitle reads: 'A chance to look at the issues in Norfolk, understand the work being done to address the county's 'dental desert' and hear your stories'. Two circular inset images show a dentist examining a patient's teeth. On the left, there are two icons: a calendar and a location pin, followed by the event details: 'Thursday 19 September, 2024' and 'The Garage, Chapelfield North, Norwich'.

SAVE THE DATE!
Healthwatch Norfolk Dental Summit
Thursday 19th September 2024

Patients across Norfolk are still struggling to access NHS dental care, a survey shows.

Healthwatch Norfolk discovered that no practices are accepting new NHS patients, more practices have opted to only take private patients, and concerns about this represent around a third of all enquiries it receives. You can read more about what we found below:

**Read the dentistry in
Norfolk report**

Six months on from its publication, we want to discover more about what the issues are, share some patient stories, and find out what can be done to provide an improved dental service for people in Norfolk.

These ideas will be drawn together at Healthwatch Norfolk's first dental summit which is being held at The Garage on Chapelfield North in Norwich on Thursday September 19 at 5pm.

We are keen to hear your stories and experiences of dentistry in Norfolk. We will be looking for case studies and real-life experiences which we can share at the summit. If you would like to find out more, please contact us via the link below marking your email Healthwatch Norfolk Dental Summit case study.

Contact us with your dental experiences



Dementia Fayre Returns

A wealth of support and information for carers and people living with dementia will be available at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital this spring. The NNUH Dementia Fayre will be returning to the East Atrium and Benjamin Gooch Lecture Theatre on Monday 20 May 2024 between 10am and 3pm.



The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

New partnership in West Norfolk

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has partnered with the registered charity West Norfolk Carers to support patients when discharged from hospital by ensuring that they and their carers receive the help and support they need.

The event is open to all people with dementia and carers to provide advice and support to people and families affected by dementia.

[Read more here](#)



Angel Avice knits teddy companions for children

Avice, and her friends from Hickathrift House Care Home in Wisbech have been busy knitting teddy bears and other goodies including scarves and baby hats for more than 15 years.

On 14 March they got the chance to visit Rudham Ward at The QEH to personally deliver some of their lovingly crafted gifts to children and staff.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

The QEH and West Norfolk Carers (WNC) are committed to developing innovative and sustainable solutions to the challenges in health and social care.

[Read more here](#)



Launch of Staff Awards 2024

Patients from across Norfolk and Waveney are being asked to nominate the health professional or hospital team who has gone the extra mile in providing their care at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) or Cromer and District Hospital.

Patients can nominate any nurse, doctor, midwife, therapist, receptionist or other member of staff who looked after them during an outpatient visit, day treatment or hospital stay.

[Click here to nominate](#)

Have you been diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)?

Share your story



Mental health patients asked to share their story

Healthwatch Norfolk is working with the Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (NSFT) to discover more about the support people received from community mental health services.

We are keen to hear the experiences of people diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) who have been supported by community mental health services in Norfolk and Waveney within the last three years.

[Find out more and complete the survey here](#)



Events

35th Norfolk Palliative Care Conference Getting your House in Order - Advance Care

8th May 2024

John Innes Centre, Norwich 8.30am - 4.30pm



Speakers include:



Wayne Martin
Professor of Philosophy, The Autonomy
Project, University of Essex



Zoe Harris
CEO, My Care Matters



Tommy Whitelaw
National Lead Person
Centred Voices,
Alliance Scotland



Dr Samantha Winemaker
Associate Clinical Professor,
McMaster University



Dr. Hsien Seow
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