

Healthwatch Lincolnshire Membership

Healthwatch Lincolnshire offers 2 levels of membership. This means there is a membership level to suit our residents of Lincolnshire. You can read more detailed information of the legal requirements to being a full or associate member of Healthwatch Lincolnshire by visiting our website and downloading the full members pack or requesting a pack to be sent to you.

Level One - Full Membership.

Individual Full Member Criteria. *An individual with the ability to affect the governance of a charity by voting at the charity's AGM (and other relevant meetings) and who meets all other criteria for a member as set out in the charity's governing document:*

An Individual Full Member.

Rights and Responsibilities. Full members agree to support the work of the charity through giving their time, skills or experience. This may be through one of the following:

- Become a formal volunteer as an Enter and View visitor.
- Become a formal volunteer as a lead for a Healthwatch Hub.
- Become a formal volunteer with one of our other volunteering roles.
- Become one of our agreed ambassadors. This is a formally recognised role and usually links to specialist areas eg mental health or children's issues and may include attendance at specialist meetings or boards.
- Use specialist knowledge to support one of our 4 permanent committees (Finance, Governance, HR and Public Engagement).
- Helping to promote the charity through a formally agreed role.
- Being a Board Member (Trustee) of the charity.
- Full membership is free.
- Full members receive a personal invitation to the Annual General Meeting.
- Full members will elect the charity's Trustees.
- Full members can apply to become a Trustee.
- Full Members will be able to vote at AGM, EGM and SGMs.
- Full members will be able to raise issues to ensure the work of the charity reflects public concerns.

- Receive information and updates from HWL.
- Be part of the formal membership database.

Liability of Full Members.

The liability of full members is limited to a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each full member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for:

- Payment of the charity's debts and liabilities incurred before he or she ceases to be a member;
- Payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- Adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Associate Members (who do not have the right to receive notice of, nor to vote at, general meetings of the charity) shall have no liability to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up.

Applying for Membership

Anyone wishing to apply to become a member of Healthwatch Lincolnshire will be required to complete the membership application form which is can be downloaded from our website www.healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk or hard copy provided on request by contacting our Head Office at Unit 12, 1-2 North End, Swineshead, Boston PE20 3LR.

Completed applications must be sent to our Head Office where all membership applications will be checked for accuracy and assessed by our Governance Committee prior to approval by our Board of Trustees.