



Equal Opportunities Statement

The Commitment.

1 Healthwatch Bedford Borough (HBB) is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity. The aim is that the approach and work ethic will be properly representative of all sections of the local community that it serves.

2 The purpose of this Statement is to exhibit equality and fairness to all those people that HBB engages with. HBB will not discriminate on grounds of gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion or age. HBB will oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination which infringe the human rights of any person.

3 HBB will also ensure that:

- it supports an environment in which individual differences and the contribution of all people is recognised and valued.
- every person is entitled to an environment that promotes dignity and respect for all. No form of intimidation, bullying or harassment will be tolerated.
- the effectiveness of this Statement will be monitored and reviewed annually.

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