



**Chief Executive, Healthwatch Bedford Borough. £30,000 pa**

35 hour week; 20 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays; permanent contract

Healthwatch Bedford Borough is the independent health and social care consumer champion for Bedford Borough. We gather and represent the views of the public, particularly users of health and social care services, and ensure that those views are taken into account by the commissioners and providers of services. We are one of 152 Local Healthwatch in England and a Community Interest Company.

Following a restructure and a refocusing, Healthwatch Bedford Borough is recruiting a Chief Executive to lead us out of the Covid 19 crisis and into more settled, but no doubt equally challenging times beyond. We are a small organisation with just four staff, a volunteer Board and a tight budget, but with an important statutory role, delivering services under contract to the Borough Council

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with a health or social care background and a keen interest in working with and on behalf of the community to get the best out of health and social care services in the Borough. We're looking for a dynamic leader and a good communicator; someone capable of networking not just with the community we serve; but also with the professionals who deliver our health and social care services; other local healthwatch and relevant voluntary organisations; and Healthwatch England. You will be an ambassador and role model for our organisation. You will need to be flexible and hands on with experience of leading a small team and managing a limited budget to best effect. Once coronavirus restrictions are lifted, you will also need to be prepared to drive to meetings within the region. Although not a Board member, you will work closely with the Chair and the Board and provide support to the Board and attend Board meetings.

If you wish to learn more about Healthwatch Bedford Borough or about the role, please contact John Wright, HBB Chair. [john.wr@healthwatchbedfordborough.co.uk](mailto:john.wr@healthwatchbedfordborough.co.uk) and visit our website <https://www.healthwatchbedfordborough.co.uk>

Applications by CV & covering letter to [enquiries@healthwatchbedfordborough.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchbedfordborough.co.uk)

Applications close at 0800 on 2 November 2020.

Interviews scheduled for week commencing 9 November 2020.

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