

healthwatch Rutland News

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We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Lauren, our Communications Officer, who has left to focus on her university studies, and we wish her all the best for the future. We will be advertising for Lauren's replacement and until we are able to produce a full monthly newsletter, will share with you a short monthly update with some links to articles on our website plus other useful information that you may not have seen.

Let's Talk.. Urgent and Emergency Care

Read our latest Let's Talk... article on how changes in Urgent and Emergency Care have affected people through the pandemic:

[Read the Lets Talk... Urgent and Emergency Care](#)

Rutland Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation

The consultation on the draft Rutland Health and Wellbeing Strategy closed on January 16, and you can read the Healthwatch Rutland response to the consultation.

[Read the HWR response](#)

What is your experience of NHS dentistry?

We have been hearing about problems accessing NHS dental services both nationally in the news and locally in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The [NHS in England](#) has announced extra funding until the end of March, to enable 350,000 more dental appointments to help services get back to pre-pandemic levels.

Healthwatch England has recently produced a report calling for reform to NHS dental contracts along with significant and sustained funding to improve access to appointments across England: [read the report](#)

To build a better picture of the local situation for patients, we are asking you to share your experience of receiving NHS dental care in Rutland (either for yourself or your family) in our 4 question quick poll. Please take a couple of minutes to tell us your experience, good or bad.

[Complete the quick poll](#)

News from North West Anglia Foundation Trust

The Trust, which runs Peterborough City Hospital, has launched a 'Virtual Respiratory Ward' which will enable some patients recovering from COVID-19 to be treated in their

own homes, whilst being carefully monitored to maintain the highest standard of safety and care.

[Read about the virtual ward](#)

Health and Care Together

If you want to find out more about the emerging Integrated Care System read the new quarterly magazine for the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Partnership. It aims to help you to understand more about what it will be, who is involved, how it will work, and its priorities.

[Read Health and Care Together](#)

#BecauseWeAllCare

The Care Quality Commission and Healthwatch England have jointly launched the Because We All Care campaign, designed to encourage more people to speak up and give feedback about their own or a loved one's care.

[Read more or submit feedback](#)
