

## HEALTHWATCH UPDATE - PHLEBOTOMY

A sub group of the HOSC Committee met to discuss the way forward after receiving the Healthwatch Trafford Report on Phlebotomy.

At the meeting the following points were raised with Healthwatch Trafford for clarification.

1. Have any other Healthwatch completed similar exercises re phlebotomy services in their area to enable a comparison of services?

After a search no other Healthwatch has completed similar work.

2. A query was raised re the evidence to back up the figure of 70% [Page 3 of report] who lived outside Trafford accessing blood tests at their GP surgery.

The 70% figure is accurate to the responses given. The numbers of people in this group is small. The 70% refers to 7 out of 10 people who responded to the question as they either lived outside Trafford or were not registered with a Trafford GP. Further work is required in this area.

3. The Hospital Trust has responded to Healthwatch Trafford re the Phlebotomy report.

The chair of HOSC has received a copy of the letter.

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