



Latest Insights

– April to June 2026

We heard from:



1,810 people at **70** sessions across
33 locations around Gateshead.

What you told us about:

- GP access and variations between practices
- Dentistry access
- Navigating services and service information
- Hospital experience
- Community support, isolation and wider social needs

What you asked us about:



- GPs
- Hospitals
- Social Prescribing

Turning local experiences of Autism & ADHD
Post-Diagnostic Support into wider system learning:



“Chronicle readers responded in droves over reports of a lack of support after autism or ADHD diagnosis.”



Healthwatch Gateshead recently published a report into the experiences of autistic individuals and people with ADHD aged 18-24 and 50+. This report highlighted that diagnosis alone does not always lead to meaningful or consistent support.

This report was shared with the Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board, then attracted wider public attention via two articles published in the ChronicleLive, and was discussed at the Gateshead Autism Strategic Partnership. This has helped bring attention to the issue, and demonstrated that it is an important topic to the public.

You can read the full report on our website:
www.healthwatchgateshead.co.uk/news-and-reports



Healthwatch Gateshead Current Projects

Research & Engagement:

These are the current topics we're working on:

- **Autism and ADHD Post Diagnostic Support** – published 6th May 2026
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Hospitals and Urgent Care Choices**
- **Youthwatch** – 10 workshops completed
- **Safeguarding** – Gateshead Council have now brought this project in house
- **Patient Transport** – alongside a network of other local Healthwatch, we performed engagement activities for the ICB (Integrated Care Board).

If you'd like to know more about our ongoing research projects and latest reports, you can learn more by visiting our website:

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Healthwatch Gateshead Current Projects

Enter & View

Our 2025 topic was residential care facilities. We have continued this theme by returning to our previously visited locations, allowing us to examine the changes and impacts based on our original recommendations.

- **Appletree Grange Care Home** – original report published 8th Jan 2026, 6-month revisit undertaken, revisit report in progress.
- **St Mark's Court Care Home** – original report published 27th March 2026, 6-month revisit schedule to take place soon.
- **Upcoming Visit** – to be announced.

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