



WANDSWORTH CARE ALLIANCE

**STRENGTHENING THE VOICES OF LOCAL
PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND OUR
VOLUNTARY SECTOR.**

WANDSWORTH CARE ALLIANCE HELPS LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE AN EFFECTIVE VOICE IN THEIR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES.

- WCA helps local residents influence the way their health and care services are planned and delivered.
- We support community organisations to network and develop.
- We assist Wandsworth Borough Council and NHS services in Wandsworth to engage with local people.
- WCA also aims to support service designers, commissioners and deliverers by helping them be more aware of and respond to the views of service users, to increase the engagement of providers and users.

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WCA was established in 1991, originally as an alliance of Housing Associations who wanted to give their communities a stronger voice in local decision making.

In 2005 we became a registered charity. Fast forward to today, we have grown to a team of 10 people working over three different projects and we are still committed to strengthening the voices of local people, communities and our voluntary sector in Wandsworth.

WHAT WCA DOES TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL VOICES

- Empowers local people to have an effective voice in their community, particularly in the development of local health and social care services.
- Acts as a link between our communities, the NHS in Wandsworth and Wandsworth Council.
- Builds strength in the voluntary sector by supporting the development of networks and skills.

OUR VALUES

We do what we do because we believe that effective change comes about when an individual or community is able to recognise, value and build upon their own assets.

This isn't always straightforward or easy, but we work with range of marginalised communities, to try and ignite, inspire and support this positive change and in doing so improve a community's well-being.

At the core of our work is a recognition that, with the right support, encouragement and resources people possess the potential to take ownership of their own situation and conditions and help to bring about positive change.

OUR PROJECTS

VOLUNTARY SECTOR COORDINATION SERVICE

Funded by Wandsworth Council and NHS Wandsworth
Commissioned by SWL CCG

Help to grow voluntary and community organisations through WCA.

Support for the voluntary sector in Wandsworth is provided through WCA's Voluntary Sector Coordination Service.

The aim is to increase the resilience and sustainability of voluntary and community

organisations, and the communities they work with, by supporting them to grow and develop. To help them achieve this, we provide:

- Networking opportunities to encourage communication and connectivity;
- News updates both about, and for, the voluntary and community sector;
- Learning opportunities relating to all aspects of running and maintaining an organisation, including fundraising;
- Online resources enabling organisations to access information when they choose; and we
- ensure local representation on multi-agency partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Get in touch by emailing: communications@wandcareall.org.uk

HEALTHWATCH WANDSWORTH

Commissioned and funded by Wandsworth Council

Healthwatch is the independent national champion for people who use health and social care services.

We're here to help those commissioning and running services put people at the heart of care. Our sole purpose is to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services and to speak out on their behalf. We focus on making sure that people's worries and concerns about current services are addressed. We work to get services right for the future. Our public events give local people an opportunity to hear about - and feedback on - health and social care topics that are of concern to them. At our events we also promote excellent local NHS and community services that people might not otherwise know much about.

To find out more visit the Healthwatch website: www.healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk

VOICING VIEWS - LGBT MENTAL HEALTH

Commissioned and funded by SWL CCG

The prevalence of Mental Health issues within the LGBT Community are significantly higher than that of the general population.

The Wandsworth LGBT Mental Health Project is new and our aim is to tackle issues surrounding health inequalities faced by the LGBT Community in the Borough.

Who we work with:

- Anyone who has a vision or cause which they believe could improve their own wellbeing and that of their community
- The LGBT Community in Wandsworth
- Local voluntary sector and community groups
- Young People, Adults and Older People
- Commissioners
- Service providers

For more information, get in touch by emailing: voicingviews@wandcareall.org.uk

GOVERNANCE

Wandsworth Care Alliance has a board of trustees, which currently consists of 7 people. And a Healthwatch Committee consisting of 4 WCA Trustees and 4 elected trustees to give direction specifically to Healthwatch Wandsworth.

Our trustees guide our strategic direction, bringing a wealth of expertise and knowledge to our organisation.

For more information, please look at our website: www.wandcareall.org.uk

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

“THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT WE WORK WITH LOCAL PEOPLE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR VOICE, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN WANDSWORTH.

- Help people to help themselves
- Listen and take part in active dialogue
- Work in partnership to grow in strength and retain independence
- Create connections
- Build platforms and tools for meaningful involvement
- Collect evidence
- Encourage communication
- Influence and effect change
- Recognise potential and release community capacity

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