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The NHS currently has ten performance **standards for Cancer**, including the Faster Diagnosis Standard introduced in April 2021, but following rigorous consultation and engagement, the Government has agreed these targets will be consolidated into three key standards:

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* The 28-Day Faster Diagnosis Standard (FDS) which means patients with suspected Cancer who are referred for urgent cancer checks from a GP, screening programme or other route, should be diagnosed or have Cancer ruled out within 28 days.
* The 62-day referral to treatment standard which means patients who have been referred for suspected Cancer from any source and go on to receive a diagnosis should start treatment within 62 days of their referral.
* The 31-day decision to treat to treatment standard which means patients who have a Cancer diagnosis, and who have had a decision made on their first or subsequent treatment, should then start that treatment within 31 days.

In line with the recommendation of the 2015 Independent Cancer Taskforce, Government has approved that the outdated two week wait target will be replaced with the Faster Diagnosis Standard from October.

## GPs will still refer people with suspected Cancer in the same way, but the focus will rightly be on getting people diagnosed or cancer ruled out within 28 days, rather than simply getting a first appointment.

**Opportunity Id:** DN615342

**Title: Healthwatch Stoke-on-Trent** (ASCHIW/2023/431\*)

**Categories:** 85120000-6 - Medical practice and related services

85140000-2 - Miscellaneous health services

85320000-8 - Social services

**Description**

Provision of Healthwatch service for Stoke-on-Trent City Council. The service will:  
  
• Act as a local independent consumer champion representing the collective voices

of adults, children and young people, patients, service users, carers and the

public.

• Support individuals to shape health and social care delivery, and influence the

services which they receive personally with commissioners, providers, regulators

and Healthwatch England using local knowledge and experiences of what

matters to local people.

• Signpost people to an independent advocacy if they need help to complain

about NHS services.

• Support individuals to access information and advice about services  
  
This contract falls under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 Light Touch Regime (LTR) - Regulations 74 to 77. As such, the City Council will place an advert in Find a Tender Service (FTS), publish an award notice and comply with the principles of transparency and equal treatment.

**Region(s) of supply:** Stoke-on-Trent

**Estimated value:** £458,750.00

**Keywords:** Public Health, Healthwatch