

Healthwatch North Tyneside Young Voices Fund

The Healthwatch North Tyneside Young Voices Fund is open to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations working at a local community level with children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25 in North Tyneside and committed to improving their health and wellbeing.

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Healthwatch North Tyneside is an independent charity dedicated to helping make local health and care services better for all residents. We do this by finding out people's views and experiences of health and care services and feeding back to the people designing and delivering services so they can be improved.

Grants will be administered and distributed by Healthwatch North Tyneside to successful applicants. Organisations will be responsible for delivery of their project and sharing findings with Healthwatch North Tyneside who will support to maximise influence with service providers and commissioners.

Section 1 – Our plan to hear the views of Children and Young People

Healthwatch North Tyneside is committed to hearing the views of people from all sections of our community. We recognise we need to do more to hear from children and young people and that VCSE partners are best placed to support us with this. Through this fund we expect to strengthen our relationships with local organisations and achieve the aims in section 2.

We will also be gathering the views of parents and carers.

We plan for our work to continue over 18 months to cover the following phases:

Phase 1 – Gathering evidence

We will produce a summary of what children and young people have said during:

- **Strand 1** – Working with 6–10 VCSE organisations with established relationships with children and young people to gather information.
- **Strand 2** – We will build relationships with local schools to create a pathway for sharing feedback and strengthening the voice of children and young people.

Phase 2

Once strands 1 and 2 are completed we will look at what actions are needed to improve health information and support for children and young people. We have set aside a further pot of funding for small scale improvement activities.

Alongside phase 1 and 2 we want to hear the views of parents and carers. Their views and feedback will be presented separately.

Section 2 – About this funding

We have £13,000 to award and expect to fund 6–10 projects. We are keen to include projects of varying size and scope, ranging from approximately £500 to a maximum of £2,500.

This fund is only open to is open to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations working at a local community level with children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25 in North Tyneside and committed to improving their health and wellbeing.

Through this we want to achieve:

Fund aims

1. empower children and young people to share their views and experiences of health and care issues in ways that are meaningful to them
2. create an evidence base to influence decision makers in North Tyneside in the future
3. identify what is working well and what could be improved including possible 'quick wins'

4. embed co-design and co-production approaches in designing and delivering this activity and tackling issues

We will prioritise applications from organisations who can demonstrate success in involving young people in the design and delivery of their project.

What we want to understand:

1. **Identify the services children and young people use** and their experiences of using these services.
2. **Understand the health issues that are most important** to them
3. **Understand any barriers to people getting the help and support they need**
4. **Understand where they get health-related information from and how they would like to access information and services in the future** i.e. how to deliver services for most inclusive access
5. **Identify opportunities for improvements both long term and quick wins**

In the application process we want to see how projects will achieve our aims and deliver the above.

We expect the organisations we fund to have established relationships with the children and young people involved and be able to include examples of how they currently engage with children and young people.

We would like to encourage organisations to explore creative ways to engage with children and young people that encourage participation and inclusion. We believe that the way to do this is to involve children and young people in the design and implementation of the project, as well as in how to express their findings in ways that are meaningful to differing audiences e.g. their peers, parents, school or NHS staff, service commissioners, and other interested parties. We recognise that timescales are tight, these have been driven by the government's planned changes to Healthwatch.

We support collaboration between organisations and will consider applications from partnerships

Section 4 – Our processes

If you are interested, please complete the attached application form. If you would like to talk about your project idea or have any questions, please contact Paul Jones p.jones@hwnt.co.uk or Mary Low m.low@hwnt.co.uk

Decisions will be taken by a panel of representatives from Healthwatch North Tyneside. We will provide feedback to applicants.

Timescales

Please note the following:

Deadline for applications	23.59 on 29 July 2026
Decisions by	14 August 2026

Project delivery, monitoring and evaluation

Funded projects will have an opportunity for some support from Healthwatch North Tyneside staff regarding design and delivery of the project and how best to share findings to maximise impact.

We expect projects to be delivered and concluded within 6-12 months of the date of receipt of the award. In your application, you should set out the start date and length of the project, noting any key milestones or time constraints.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a final report detailing how the funding was used, and the outcomes that were achieved. This will help assess the impact and effectiveness of the programme.

Our standard conditions of the funding are attached.

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Application Form – Healthwatch North Tyneside Young Voices Fund

Please return this form to admin@hwnt.co.uk If you have any questions or would like to discuss your project idea please contact Paul Jones p.jones@hwnt.co.uk or Mary Low m.low@hwnt.co.uk

The deadline for applications is **23.59 on 29 July 2026**

About you & your organisation

Name of contact for application	Contact email	Contact phone

Organisation legal name	
Organisation address	
Postcode	
Website (if applicable)	
Are you based in North Tyneside?	Choose an item.
Do you have a bank or building society account in name of the organisation, as shown in your governing document?	Choose an item.
The legal status of your organisation (if other please state below)	Choose an item.
Legal status (other)	
Company registration number (if applicable)	
Charity registration number (if applicable)	
VAT registration number (if applicable)	
Year organisation formed	

Organisation income in last full financial year	
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Organisation expenditure in last full financial year	
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About your project

Please answer the following questions after reading the information in section 1.

Please keep your answers brief. Answer boxes will expand as you type.

Q1. Tell us about your project idea
Please describe what you will do and how it will help achieve our funding aims. How did you come up with this idea?
(the boxes will expand as you type)
Q2. Who will you be working with and how will people be involved in your project?
Please describe the community you will work with, how people will be involved in your project and any partners you plan to work with..
(the boxes will expand as you type)
Q3. What do you expect to achieve with this project?
What difference do you think this will make? Think about the impact on the individuals; the wider community; your organisation and partners, and/or health and care services .
(the boxes will expand as you type)
Q4. What experience do you have of delivering similar projects?
Tell us about your experience of delivering similar projects
(the boxes will expand as you type)
Q5. Please give us a breakdown of your project budget

Please tell us how you will use the grant and about any other funding you might have. Tell us how you have worked out these costs.

(the boxes will expand as you type)

Declaration

I confirm I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the organisation	Choose an item.
I confirm the information supplied is true and correct	Choose an item.
Signature	
Name	
Date	

Healthwatch North Tyneside

Grant Funding Terms and Conditions

The terms set out in this agreement are between Healthwatch North Tyneside and the organisation in receipt of funding from Healthwatch North Tyneside.

1. Basic agreement

- 1.1 The grant awarded must only be used for the purposes set out in your application and contained within the grant offer letter.
- 1.2 The project must adhere to any conditions set out in the grant offer letter.
- 1.3 The project must be located within North Tyneside.
- 1.4 The project must be completed within the designated time period as set out in the grant offer letter and project proposal.
- 1.5 The project must inform Healthwatch North Tyneside if it receives funding from another source for the project specified. The Healthwatch North Tyneside small grant will not pay for expenses that have already been paid for or agreed to be paid by another source.
- 1.6 Similarly, the fund will not cover any costs claimed retrospectively prior to the beginning of the designated time period set in your application and confirmed in the grant offer letter.
- 1.7 Any changes to the budget or design of the project must be discussed with Healthwatch North Tyneside and agreed in writing before implementation.
- 1.8 The project will keep clear audit trails to support any grant related expenditure for 6 years. These must be available to Healthwatch North Tyneside on demand. Where the organisation is not able to keep this information, it must be passed onto Healthwatch North Tyneside for safe keeping until the 6 years has elapsed.
- 1.9 In the event of an underspend of the grant Healthwatch North Tyneside may require the unspent amount to be repaid in full.
- 1.10 The grant is made on the understanding that the project has the appropriate policies, procedures and insurance in place. Failure to have these in place may result in withdrawal of funding.
- 1.11 Healthwatch North Tyneside has the right to use information about activities funded through the scheme in future publicity material in order to promote the scheme.

2. Support and completion

- 2.1 Organisations funded by the grant are required to participate in a set up meeting with Healthwatch North Tyneside when regularity of contact and support will be agreed.
- 2.2 The funded project will work with Healthwatch North Tyneside to deliver the project and to support the wider impact of the project.
- 2.3 The funded project will be expected to share the information they have gathered with Healthwatch North Tyneside and so that Healthwatch can share with service providers and commissioners.
- 2.4 The project will share and draft resources with Healthwatch North Tyneside and seek agreement before they are published or circulated.
- 2.5 The project will submit a brief report evidencing the completion of the project. Failure to do this will result in Healthwatch North Tyneside not releasing the final payment and potentially lead to cancellation of the grant.

3. Termination of grant

- 3.1 If the project breaches any terms of this Agreement, or is found to have made any false statements in the application process, Healthwatch North Tyneside may withdraw or vary the grant award, refuse to pay the grant, vary the amount payable, or require repayment of all or part of the sums paid. This will be formally noted in writing to the organisation in receipt of the grant.
- 3.2 The terms of this Agreement may be varied only by the written agreement of Healthwatch North Tyneside. If any change of use is affected without seeking the prior consent of Healthwatch North Tyneside the grant may be withdrawn.

4. Legal duties

- 4.1 The project shall comply with any legal obligations that may be relevant to the research such as planning, licensing, employment, child protection, health and safety, insurance and equal opportunities legalisation.

5. Equal opportunities

5.1 Healthwatch North Tyneside is committed to equal opportunities both in the provision of services and as an employer. The project shall ensure that it promotes equality of opportunities to all sections of the community in its research, its internal practices and in its dealing with any partners.

6. Payment and payment schedule

6.1 The initial payment (90% of the amount awarded) will usually be paid on award of the grant and then the final payment (10% of the amount awarded) on completion of the project and the reporting. If there are any mitigating circumstances that mean this payment schedule may need to be altered, please outline them within the application.