

Written statement of a non-key officer decision
Director of Adults and Communities

Title	Quality Assurance Strategy for commissioned care and support services for Adults
Decision maker	Director of Adults and Communities
Date of decision	7 January 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Purpose	<p>To approve the updated, joint health and social care quality assurance strategy following a review of the existing quality assurance framework.</p> <p>The strategy sets out Herefordshire Council's and Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (HCCG) approach to assuring the quality of commissioned care and support services for adults in Herefordshire. It is a review and update of the current quality assurance framework and the main changes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed as a joint strategy with HCCG • Quality standards have been reviewed and updated • Processes have been streamlined and simplified • Clearer and more transparent approach and processes giving greater clarity to service providers
Decision	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the joint health and social care quality assurance strategy for commissioned care and support services at appendix 1 be approved.
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50027869</p>
Consultation	Providers
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do Nothing: This is not a viable option as Herefordshire Council is required to ensure it is compliant with the Care Act 2014 and has a duty to ensure the quality of its commissioned care and support services. 2. To implement a quality assurance strategy for Herefordshire Council without involvement from Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG): This is not a viable option

	due to collaborative working required to drive quality improvements.
Declarations of interest	None
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	11 January 2019

<p>Officer:</p> <p>Director of Adults and Communities (Stephen Vickers)</p>	<p>Date 7 January 2019</p>
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