

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing

Title	Complex Needs Framework
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	14 May 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	Approval is being sought to join the Worcestershire complex needs framework with Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), across the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) health and social care footprint.
Decision	Herefordshire Council join the Partnership Agreement which will enable Herefordshire to call off the joint framework and contract with the 11 approved specialist providers on the Complex Needs Framework (CNF) through a spot purchase arrangement from the sign off date to 18 January 2025.

Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50036859
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To do nothing. This is not recommended. There are currently 16 people known to Herefordshire Council on the Dynamic Support Register (DSR) who may require a specialist accommodation provider now or in the near future. Herefordshire Council has a statutory duty to meet eligible social care needs. To not contract with specialist providers in county will limit opportunities for those people and likely mean out of county solutions are sought or expensive and or restrictive residential accommodation options. 2. Seek out of county solutions where they already exist with specialist providers. This is not recommended. This is against the intent of a number of Herefordshire Council strategies including the County Plan (2020-24) and Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy; where people have access to the right model of support and accommodation in their own communities, reducing inequalities. 3. Seek placements in residential care as opposed to supported living. This is not recommended. This goes against the county plan and commissioning intentions of seeking least invasive models of support and security of tenure that comes with being a tenant. 4. Herefordshire to set up its own Complex Needs Framework. This is not recommended due to the small cohort of customers that match the criteria for this service in Herefordshire, which would not attract specialist providers due to low numbers not leading to development of sustainable services.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	20 May 2021

Councillor:	Date 14 May 2021
Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing (Councillor Pauline Crockett)	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.