

# HEREFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST

## Results of Annual Health Check 2008/09

### Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Health Scrutiny Committee on the performance of the Primary Care Trust in relation to the Annual Health Check results for 2008-09.

### How Performance is Measured in the Annual Health Check

The Annual Health Check Assessment is based on measuring the performance of NHS organisations. The 2008/9 Annual Health Check has changed the way PCTs performance will be measured for this year. PCT organisations are now measured under the 3 following areas;

<i>Area of Assessment</i>	<i>Area of Measurement</i>
Quality of Commissioning	Standards for better Health
	Meeting Existing Commitments
	Meeting National Priorities
Quality of Financial Management	Use of Resources (New name)
Performance of PCTs – providing services	Standards for better Health
	Meeting National Priorities

## Herefordshire PCT's Performance in the Annual Health Check 2008/9

Below is a table comparing Herefordshire PCTs performance in the Annual Health Check with previous years.

<i>Area of Assessment</i>	<i>Area of Measurement</i>	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07
Quality of Commissioning	Standards for better Health	Almost met	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
	Meeting Existing Commitments	Almost met	Almost met	Almost met
	Meeting National Priorities	Fair	Good	Weak
Quality of Financial Management	Use of Resources (New name)	Fair	Good	Fair
Performance of PCTs – providing services	Standards for better Health	Almost met	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
	Meeting National Priorities	Weak	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

### *Standards for Better Health*

This year Herefordshire PCT was required to submit 2 separate declarations under the standards for better health process, as a provider of services and as a commissioner of services. There are 24 Core Standards, sub-divided into 44 areas on which the organisation has to declare its level of compliance.

In 2008/9 the PCT declared the following for both provider and commissioning

Compliant	41 out of 44 individual areas
Insufficient Assurance	3 out of 44 individual areas

### *Quality of Financial Management*

Quality of Financial Management, previously known as Use of Resources, has not seen any significant changes in the assessment process this year. However, as in previous years the level of the bar to achieve an improvement has been raised significantly by the Audit Commission.

### *Performance against Existing Commitments & National Priorities*

The existing commitments looks at the performance against long standing targets that were set during the Department of Health's 2003-06 planning phase. These targets relate to commissioning and Herefordshire scored the following

Achieved - 9 out of the 14 targets – 64.28%  
Underachieved - 5 out of the 14 targets – 35.72%

Failed – The organisation did not fail against any of its targets.

This year saw the national priority targets separated into 2 areas commissioning and provider services provided by the PCT, predominantly mental health services. Herefordshire scored the following

Commissioning was measured against a total of 23 national priority targets

Achieved - 16 out of the 23 targets – 69.56%  
Underachieved - 3 out of the 23 targets – 13.04%  
Failed - 4 out of the 23 targets – 17.39%

PCTs providing services were measured against 8 national priority targets

Achieved - 3 out of the 8 targets – 37.50%  
Underachieved - 3 out of the 8 targets – 37.50%  
Failed - 2 out of the 8 targets – 25.00%

### **Next Steps Delivery**

As in previous years, we will continue to performance monitor those areas of under achievement or failure to meet the target in 2009/10. A plan will be put into place outlining these areas and the actions to improve performance. The named director will be regularly required to update and report through the committees and boards of the PCT.

We will also be liaising with those trusts who performed well in this year against these targets to ensure we learn from good practice.

It should be noted that the performance measures of some of these targets will change significantly for 2009/10, or in some cases the organisation's performance will not be measured nationally in 2009/10.

## Herefordshire PCT Performance Comparison with SHA

Only 4 PCTs in the West Midlands region achieved a score of good for both quality of financial management and quality of services. The table below compares Herefordshire PCTs performance against other PCTs within the West Midlands region for 2008/09.

	08/09 overall quality score	08/09 financial management score	08/09 core standards score - Comm	08/09 core standards - provider	08/09 existing commitments	08/09 national priorities - Comm.	08/09 national priorities - Provider
<b>Birmingham East and North Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Coventry Teaching Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Almost Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Dudley Primary Care Trust</b>	Good	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Good	-
<b>Heart of Birmingham Teaching Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Fully Met	Weak	-
<b>Herefordshire Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Almost Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Fair	Weak
<b>North Staffordshire Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Almost Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Sandwell Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Fully Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Weak	-
<b>Shropshire County Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Good	Fully Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Solihull Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Almost Met	Almost Met	Fully Met	Fair	-
<b>South Birmingham Primary Care Trust</b>	Good	Good	Almost Met	Fully Met	Fully Met	Good	-
<b>South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust</b>	Good	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Fully Met	Good	-
<b>Stoke On Trent Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Telford and Wrekin Primary Care Trust</b>	Good	Fair	Fully Met	Almost Met	Almost Met	Good	-
<b>Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Fair	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Fair	-
<b>Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust</b>	Good	Good	Almost Met	Fully Met	Fully Met	Good	Weak
<b>Worcestershire Primary Care Trust</b>	Fair	Good	Fully Met	Fully Met	Almost Met	Fair	-