

REVIEW:	HOUSING SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS	
Committee:	Social Care & Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee	Chair: Cllr M.D. Lloyd-Hayes
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SCOPING

Terms of Reference

To review accommodation, housing and housing related support needs of people with severe enduring mental health, and associated housing problems.

To establish current provision for this group and any gaps or blockages that exist.

Desired outcomes

Ensure there is transparency and understanding between Housing & Mental Health services e.g. support with Home Point applications, awareness of process and capacity.

Understand pathways into housing and protocols and establish good practice.

To establish demand and need for housing with appropriate support.

Mixed tenure responses – creating opportunities for choice in housing tenure.

To establish best practice model for the provision of housing with appropriate support.

To create appropriate, safe and viable housing and support options for people with poor mental health.

Key questions

What is the role of key stakeholders in creating safe and viable housing and support options?

Who are we referring to when we talk about people with mental health problems?

Who should be included in the scrutiny scoping review?

What is the scale of the problem in Herefordshire in terms of need and provision?

How good is our information currently? What more can we find out and from whom.

Is it a growing problem? – Trends in mental health problems.

Do people want supported housing or independence?

What blockages exist in the system? Is there equality of access?

How can communities support people with mental health problems?

What supported housing is available?

Are we making best use of available funding?

How does supported housing provision match with projected need and anticipated growth?

What causes mental illness and what interventions can be made at an early stage?

What is the position of homelessness legislation on people with mental health difficulties presenting as homeless?