

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET MEMBER HEALTH & WELLBEING**

ITEM:	ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT ADULT SAFEGUARDING IN HEREFORDSHIRE
Date of Decision:	20 June 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the action plan arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group report adult Safeguarding in Herefordshire.
Decision:	THAT: People's Services' action plan arising from the Overview and Scrutiny's Task and Finish Group's report Adult Safeguarding in Herefordshire be approved.
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Quality Care in Care Homes matters because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has now been more than a decade of reports and investigations exposing shortcomings in the care of older people such as the report by the Parliamentary and Health service Ombudsman, Ann Abraham, in February 2011 entitled <i>Care and Compassion?</i> which exposed shocking failures in the care of older people and, more recently, the Panorama programme which exposed the level of abuse suffered by patients at Winterbourne View, a hospital for individuals with learning difficulties.). • Herefordshire Public Services believes that living a life that is free from harm and abuse is a fundamental right of every person • Care Homes should deliver dignified care which enriches the individual's life • Herefordshire Public Services have strived over the past 18 months to ensure that care is only commissioned from those Care Homes that can

	demonstrate the good quality of care which delivers positive outcomes for their residents.
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options to the recommendations made by the task and finish group.
Declaration of Interest:	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	26 June 2012

COUNCILLOR P MORGAN:..... Date: 20 June 2012
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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in.
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	26 June 2012