



# Title of report: Herefordshire Suicide Prevention Strategy

**Meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Meeting date: Monday 9 June 2025**

**Report by: Public Health Lead - Mental Health**

## **Classification**

Open

## **Decision type**

This is not an executive decision

## **Wards affected**

(All Wards)

## **Purpose**

The Herefordshire Suicide Prevention Strategy is brought to the attention of the board for information.

## **Recommendation(s)**

**That the board notes the strategy as an action supporting the priority of good mental health across the lifetime.**

## **Alternative options**

1. No alternative options considered.

## **Key considerations**

2. During 2024, Public Health along with partners developed a new Suicide Prevention Strategy. Engagement was wide ranging including local statutory, voluntary and community organisations, those with lived experience and the public.
3. A working group led the strategy development to ensure a partnership approach was taken.
4. The working group was keen to ensure the strategy could be useful for all partners, by making it short, keeping the language clear and simple and using real, local case studies.
5. Our strategy considered the new national strategy commitments whilst also being shaped through our own local extensive engagement.

6. Local intelligence from the new Herefordshire “real-time suspected suicide surveillance system” informed our strategy. This supported us in identifying our most at risk populations and our priority groups.
7. Our seven commitments will shape a local suicide prevention action plan which will be developed with the working group.

### **Community impact**

8. The suicide prevention strategy is a key action within the Good Mental Health action plan; good mental health being a health and wellbeing strategy priority.
9. This strategy has been supported by the mental health needs assessment data and real time suspected suicide surveillance data.

### **Environmental impact**

10. The development of this project has sought to minimise any adverse environmental impact and will actively seek opportunities to improve and enhance environmental performance.

### **Equality Impact**

11. The mandatory equality impact screening checklist has been completed for this activity and it has been found to have low impact for equality.
12. Due to the potential impact of this project/decision/activity being low, a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required. However, the following equality considerations should be taken into account when making a decision about this activity/project:
  - a. Any effect on the public
  - b. The needs of people with protected characteristics
  - c. Promoting equality of opportunity

### **Resource implications**

13. There is no resource implications associated with this strategy. If resource requirements are identified during the development of the supporting action plan, these will be notified at service level, in the first instance.

### **Legal implications**

14. To be provided by the legal services team following agenda publication.

### **Risk management**

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Engagement with the strategy is lower than expected.	The strategy was developed across a wide partnership to create buy-in and expand networks

15. Risks will be managed at a service level.

### **Consultees**

16. Consultation:

- 34 local organisations participated in interviews
- 64 anonymous public questionnaires completed
- 7 lived experience interviews
- a summary of their views can be found in the appendices of the strategy
- the results were themed and informed the development of the commitments within the strategy

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Herefordshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025 - 2029

## **Background papers**

None identified.