

Agenda item 5 - Questions from members of the public [v2, 9 June 2025]

Question number: 1/1 [HWB25-26.001]

Questioner: Ms Reid, Hereford

Question to: Health and Wellbeing Board

Question: The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board include:

‘To encourage the close working of those providing health or social care services with those who arrange for the provision of health related services in Herefordshire.’

In April 2025, I was informed that currently NHS breast cancer screening takes place in Kington and until the end of May 2025 in the car park of Morrisons supermarket in Hereford. Many women will not travel to Kington. What action will the health and social care partners take to ensure that breast cancer screening will take place in the future in the centre of Herefordshire, in Hereford? For example, perhaps a letter could be sent to Morrisons asking for breast cancer screening to continue in the long term there.

Response: We would like to thank Ms Reid for raising concerns about breast screening. We recognise how important it is for residents to be able to access essential screening provision. This will be discussed at the June Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Supplementary question: I appreciate that the provision of breast screening in Hereford will be discussed at today’s Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

In April 2025, I was informed that Morrisons car park in Hereford and a site in Kington have the required connections to electricity and water and it would be costly to the NHS to install these at Asda in Hereford.

According to the website www.spamedica.co.uk:

“The SpaMedica Hereford is a brand-new Ophthalmic Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, located in the car park of the Asda Supercentre [Hereford].”

Will the Board take into account these facts when they discuss the matter?

Response: In view of the member organisations represented, an exception was made to the usual treatment of questions and board members discussed the matter during the meeting. The key points included:

- i. Due to uncertainty about the continued placement in the Morrisons supermarket car park in Hereford, options had been explored with NHS England about a sustainable site for the mobile breast screening unit. It was commented that the Asda supermarket car park had been identified as a viable option, subject to securing the funding for utilities from NHS England.
- ii. There was a brief discussion about SpaMedica, an independent sector provider of cataract treatment, currently located in the Asda supermarket car park.
- iii. Board members spoke in support of a central location for the breast screening unit and the intention to recall women that had missed appointments during its temporary relocation in Ross-on-Wye.