



APPENDIX 3

Recommendations made by Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in 2025 and 2026

Monday 27 January 2025			
Dental services in Herefordshire			
No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That Herefordshire Council work with governing bodies of schools to encourage those not participating in the Time to Smile scheme to do so.	Accepted	Item was raised when presenting sign up of Herefordshire's Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme, it was noted that some schools in more deprived areas are not taking part in the initiative. The board suggested working with governing bodies of schools to encourage those not participating in the Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme.

Monday 17 February 2025			
Supported housing for working age adults with additional needs			
No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That Herefordshire Council brings forward an Accommodation with Care Strategy to aid the reduction in cost pressures in the Health and Wellbeing Directorate.	Accepted	ASC and Housing are currently working on a number of strategies looking at accommodation needs especially for the vulnerable client cohorts.

Monday 31 March 2025			
Health and Wellbeing Strategy			
No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That Herefordshire Council demonstrates in its delivery plans how the work public health undertakes relates to the strategic vision and four ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	Accepted	Accepted The Herefordshire Council Plan 2024-2028, was approved in May 2024 and sets out four priorities for the council: people, place, growth and transformation. The Delivery Plan 2025-2026 outlines how the council's priorities and objectives will be achieved and what will be delivered in the next 12 months. The Delivery Plan is reviewed annually and progress is reported on a regular basis. Public Health leads on key deliverables within the plan, particularly in relation to the 'people' priority and reports on these quarterly.

			The Herefordshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-33 sets out the vision of achieving 'Good health and wellbeing for everyone'. This is supported by four ambitions. Herefordshire Council demonstrates in the Delivery Plan how the work public health undertakes relates to the strategic vision and four ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy with the following examples: [see further document] The Health and Wellbeing Strategy identifies two core priorities: • Best Start in Life: ensuring every child has the best start in life. • Good Mental Health: promoting good mental health across the lifetime. Detailed implementation plans relating to these two core priorities are being taken forward by the public health team with wider partnership organisations enabling a whole system approach to achieving positive outcomes for our population. Herefordshire Council demonstrates through the Council Delivery Plan how the work of Public Health contributes to the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy vision and ambitions. Achieving these ambitions requires the collective effort of all partner organisations across our system. The Health and Wellbeing Board recognises the vital contributions that all member organisations make to improving the health and wellbeing of Herefordshire residents.
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Community Activity - Day Provision

No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That Herefordshire Council organises a briefing for councillors on the community activity services available in Herefordshire.	Accepted	Agreed

Monday 19 May 2025

Adult Mental Health Inpatient and Rehabilitation Services Redesign

No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust should set out the pros and cons of each of the three redesign options against the six "and we" criteria in the NHS Commissioner Guidance for adult mental health rehabilitation inpatient services.	Accepted	The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care Trust agree with the recommendation, this will be evidenced and fully described within the options appraisal process, in addition this will form part of the pre-consultation business case as part of the NHSE Major Change Process.

Monday 11 February 2026**Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Strategy**

No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	That the Trust provides the committee with an annual update of its strategic priorities, including: • Workforce capacity • Recruitment and retention • Training compliance • Staff survey results • Freedom to speak up activity With any actions taken where performance was identified as requiring improvement.	Accepted	The Trust will attend scrutiny to present its annual report at a mutually convenient time.
2	Provide the committee with the findings of the national workforce survey when available, with detail pertaining to Herefordshire where possible.	Accepted	The Trust will attend scrutiny to present its annual report at a mutually convenient time.

Monday 27 April 2026**Carers' Partnership Board Annual Report 2025**

No.	Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Response
1	To support the introduction of a carers' card for all carers.	Partially Accepted	Members of the Carers Partnership Board have considered different approaches to the introduction of a carers' identification card. At the most recent Partnership Board meeting, it was agreed that, rather than developing a Herefordshire-specific carers' ID card, the focus should be on supporting the introduction and promotion of the nationally recognised Carers Card UK scheme. The Carers Card UK scheme provides a form of identification for carers and includes access to a range of discounts across national retailers. There is a small cost associated with the card (£8.00 for a two-year period). In addition to promoting the national offer, there is an opportunity to explore how local businesses and organisations within Herefordshire could be encouraged to recognise the card and offer local discounts and benefits.

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