

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

**Response to Herefordshire Primary Care Trust on
"Strategy for Success" - a Statement of Intent**

Herefordshire Council appreciates the links to the Partnership with the Council in many aspects which are outlined in the Statement of Intent.

It is vital to the Herefordshire Community that there is synergy between the service delivery programmes of the NHS and the Council locally. It is a particular strength in our local community and economy that co-terminosity and key relationships have ensured joint strategic approaches and delivery thus far.

The Council would want to build on this success and strengthen and renew existing partnership arrangements including the joint leadership required for "Choosing Health" locally.

It would be a statement of joint success if we proceed confidently to establishing clear joint investment in the post of Director of Public Health and agree that joint leadership exercised in that role is necessary to deliver the priorities and the investment in local initiatives.

In addition, the Council would wish to review with the PCT the existing joint structures and agreements both as part of the Herefordshire Partnership review and otherwise to check if they are "fit for purpose" in the next period of both the "Strategy for Success" and the Council's Corporate Plan.