

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Involvement Network Update –

26 May 2026

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Share your NHS patient experiences – Have your say - NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB

We think it is important that people can share their experiences of the NHS in their own words.

By sharing your experiences of the NHS, you can help health care professionals and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to understand what was good, what was bad and what would have made your experience better.

How to share your NHS experience - You can do this by completing our online form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEXNHS>

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Children, Young People and Family NHS Website – Have your say – Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust have redesigned their children, young people and families website using your feedback. You can view the new website here:

<https://www.cypf.hwhct.nhs.uk/>

You told them you wanted:

- ✓ Easier navigation
- ✓ Clearer information
- ✓ Simpler language
- ✓ Faster ways to find support and activities

Before they launch the new site, they want to know what you think. Your feedback will help the Health and Care Trust make the website better for everyone.

Survey - Complete their short feedback survey here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/CYPFwebsitereview/>

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Worcester Volunteer Expo, The Guildhall, Worcester – Find out more - Friday 5 June 2026

The Annual Worcester Volunteer Expo will take place on Friday 5 June 2026 at The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester. More than 30 organisations, including NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB, will be attending to recruit volunteers and promote their community services.

Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering opportunities is warmly invited to come along, speak with participating organisations, and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Members of the Worcester Male Voice Choir will also be providing entertainment throughout the event.

The Expo will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

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Strengthening the regulation of commercial sunbeds in England – Consultation – The Department of Health and Social Care

Evidence shows that using sunbeds is linked to an increased risk of skin cancer and other health problems. While existing legislation prohibits the use of commercial sunbeds by children and young people under the age of 18, reports suggest that this prohibition is not being adhered to, with under 18s using commercial sunbeds.

The Department of Health and Social Care are running a consultation to seek views on proposals that aim to strengthen protections for sunbed users, particularly for young people and those most vulnerable to harm caused by ultraviolet (UV) exposure. The proposals will promote responsible practices among businesses providing use of sunbed services.

The Department of Health and Social Care would like to understand the impact of these proposals on users, businesses and local authorities.

Survey – Share your views by completing this survey

<https://consultations.dhsc.gov.uk/strengthening-the-regulation-of-commercial-sunbeds-in-england>

Deadline – The consultation will close at 11.59pm on Tuesday, 4 August 2026.

More information -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-the-regulation-of-commercial-sunbeds-in-england/strengthening-the-regulation-of-commercial-sunbeds-in-england-consultation-document>

If you have any queries on this consultation, contact sunbeds@dhsc.gov.uk. Do not send your consultation answers or any personal information to this email address.

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Draft rare disease therapies regulatory framework – Consultation - The Department of Health and Social Care

The Department of Health and Social Care is seeking feedback on a proposed new regulatory framework for rare disease therapies. This reflects the challenge that, although rare diseases affect more than 3.5 million people in the UK, only a small proportion currently have an approved treatment, as

traditional approval routes are often difficult to apply to very small or highly complex patient groups.

The proposal introduces a more flexible route, the Investigational Marketing Authorisation (IMA), to enable earlier access to promising therapies while additional evidence is gathered. Department of Health and Social Care are seeking a wide range views of stakeholders, including clinicians, researchers, manufacturers, patient organisations, carers and families.

Read the full information and consultation documents here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-rare-disease-therapies-regulatory-framework>

Survey – Share your views by completing this survey:

<https://www.surveys.mhra.gov.uk/69d508270e070d747a0c677e>

Deadline – The consultation will close at **11:59pm on Thursday, 30 July 2026**

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Additional engagement & information links

- NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICS: <https://www.hwics.org.uk/news/latest-news>
- NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB Board Meetings. Dates, meeting papers and information on how to view the meetings can be found here: <https://herefordshireandworcestershire.icb.nhs.uk/meetings>
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust: <https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/news>
- Herefordshire General Practice <https://www.herefordshiregeneralpractice.co.uk/news>
- Vertis Health: <https://www.vertishealth.org.uk/>
- Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust: <https://www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/news-and-media/in-the-news>
- Wye Valley NHS Trust: <https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/news-events/trust-newsroom.aspx>

National:

- Government policies and consultations: <https://www.gov.uk/search/policy-papers-and-consultations?parent=department-of-health-and-social-care&order=updated-newest>
- NHS England, surveys and consultations: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/>

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Engagement team links

- Current Engagement opportunities: <https://www.hwics.org.uk/get-involved>

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Best wishes,

The Engagement Team

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