

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire

## **Involvement Network Update –**

**22 June 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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## Understanding People's Experiences of Serious and Enduring Mental Illness Care in Worcestershire – Have your say – Healthwatch Worcestershire

Healthwatch Worcestershire would like to hear the experiences of people living with Severe Mental Illness in Worcestershire. This latest survey follows on from their previous work on mental health, this time focusing on finding out the experiences of people in Worcestershire living with a serious and enduring mental health condition (SMI). They are also interested in hearing how carers are impacted and if they are receiving support.

Following on from their report last year on people's experiences of accessing mental health and wellbeing services, Healthwatch Worcestershire are now carrying out a new piece of work focused on people affected by severe mental illness (SMI). This includes conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and psychosis.

**Who should take the survey?** They want to hear from people living with SMI and people caring for someone with SMI.

**What do they hope to learn?** This is a broad questionnaire asking for people's experiences of health and care services across Worcestershire.

**What will be done with the responses?** Analysis of the survey will help Healthwatch to understand what is working well and identify any gaps or challenges for people in getting support or care. They will report back, providing an independent voice to ensure people's experiences are heard by decision makers to help shape future services.

**Survey –** To share your views people complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JV6GSXC>

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## Clinical Reference Group Stakeholder Registration – Opportunity to be involved – NHS England

When commissioning specialised services, ensuring all stakeholders have the opportunity to be involved and contribute their views is vital. NHS England's Clinical Reference Group stakeholder lists enable this to happen.

Registration is open for all, including patients, carers, voluntary sector partners, clinical staff, and provider organisations working in specialised services. Registered stakeholders are kept informed of relevant updates

relating to their areas of interest. They are also invited to comment on draft documents and take part in consultations.

You can register to be a stakeholder of one or multiple Clinical Reference Groups as an individual or as an organisation.

On registration you will be asked to tell NHS England a bit more about who you are and your interest areas. This information is used by the specialised services team to enable them to communicate with you and invite you to be involved in different ways and will not be used for any other purpose.

If you have a disability or for any reason have difficulty in registering as a stakeholder online, or if you are a current registered stakeholder and would like your details removed from the register, please contact the NHS England engagement team at [england.voice-crg@nhs.net](mailto:england.voice-crg@nhs.net)

If you are not sure whether your service has been defined as 'specialised', please refer to the National Programmes of Care and Clinical Reference Groups pages: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/> which has details of all services which have been defined specialised services.

**Register your interest** - <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/application/crg-stakeholder-reg-april-2019/consultation/>

**Deadline** – Please register your interest by Thursday, 31 December 2026.

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## Local health news and campaigns

### **NHS is urging women to book cervical screening during Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2026**

**Health leaders across Herefordshire and Worcestershire supported Cervical cancer awareness week (15-21 June) by urging those eligible to book their cervical screening, which can help stop cancer before it starts.**

Women and people with a cervix aged 25-64 are eligible for a screening, which checks the health of your cervix, and acts as a preventative measure against cervical cancer. Women under 50 are reminded to make an appointment with their GP every three years. For those aged 50 to 64, it's every five years. Those registered as male will need to request a booking with their GP, as they will not be automatically invited to make an appointment

Anyone who qualifies for a test, but missed their last one, should contact their GP, and not wait for their next invite. Recent figures show that around a

third fail to attend their cervical screenings, putting them at greater risk of HPV and other serious conditions.

Two women die every day from cervical cancer in England. Yet it is one of the most preventable cancers and getting screened can help stop it before it starts. It has been estimated that in England, they prevent 70% of cervical cancer deaths, and that if everyone attended screening regularly, that number would be up to 83%.

### **Dr Louise Bramble, GP and Women's Health Lead for NHS**

**Herefordshire and Worcestershire said:** "For many women, cervical screening tests are not painful. But if you are worried that you may find the test uncomfortable, remember you are in control and can ask your clinician to stop at any time. Cervical screening takes only a few minutes but can save your life. Don't delay in contacting your GP to book your screening if you are eligible."

### **Cervical screening invitations are now being sent using the NHS**

**App** for patients who have registered, so it's important that patients switch notifications on in the NHS App for quicker and more convenient access to screening communications. For help with how to do this, patients can visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/help/profile/managing-nhs-app-notifications/> For anyone who hasn't registered for the NHS App, cervical screening invitations will be sent via post.

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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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