

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

Date: 10 October 2025

Committee:
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 20 October 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

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Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning

Members of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Rosie Radford (Chair)	Chris Naylor
Dawn Husemann (Vice-Chair)	Wendy Owen
Mandy Duncan	Colin Stanford
Christopher Lemon	Teri Trickett
Vicky Moore	Adam Fejfer

Your Committee Officer is:

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th January 2025 and 22nd May 2025.

4 Public Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. Deadline for notification is not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

5 Members Question Time

To receive any questions from Members of the Council. Deadline for notification is not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

6 Health in All Policies

To explore how health considerations and prevention should be embedded across the Council.

Contact – Rachel Robinson, Executive Director for Public Health

To Follow

7 Update from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

To receive a verbal update.

Contact – Councillor Rosie Radford

8 Update from the Health and Wellbeing Board

To receive a verbal update.

Contact – Councillor Bernie Bentick

9 Work Programme (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive a verbal update.

Contact – Sophie Foster, Overview and Scrutiny Officer

10 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 26 January 2026.

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Committee and Date

Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

INSERT NEXT MEETING DATE

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2025

**In the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

10.00 am - 12.12 pm

Responsible Officer: Ashley Kendrick Democratic Services Officer

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Present

Councillor Geoff Elner

Councillors Jeff Anderson, Nicholas Bardsley, Bernie Bentick, Heather Kidd (Vice-Chair), Pamela Moseley, Peggy Mullock, Ed Potter and Mary Davies (Substitute) (substitute for Tracey Huffer)

36 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edward Towers and Tracey Huffer (Substitute: Councillor Mary Davies).

37 Disclosable Interests

There were no disclosable interests.

38 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, and members raised a query regarding the presentation on the Suicide Prevention Strategy. They identified that the presentation included the ONS figures and interpretations which reported the suicide rate for Shropshire as 12.8 per 100,000 for 2020-2023, compared to the national average of 10.3 per 100,000. The presentation also included the interpretation of those figures according to the national OHID Fingertips methodology that the difference was "statistically not significant". Members highlighted that by interpreting these two figures in another way there was a 20% difference between them and agreed that this difference was very significant to the people of Shropshire. The Executive Director of Health acknowledged this significance and importance."

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2024 as circulated with the agenda papers, be approved and signed as a correct record.

39 Public Question Time

Public questions had been received from Councillor Beverley Waite, Ludlow Town Council with regards to hospital and health services in Ludlow.

A copy of the questions and the responses provided are available from the web page for the meeting:

[Agenda for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 27th January, 2025, 10.00 am — Shropshire Council](#)

40 **Members Question Time**

Members questions were received from:

Councillor Heather Kidd, in relation to Shropshire's Emergency Services

Councillor Bernie Bentick, in relation to public health measures in response to infection control and two supplementary questions. The responses to which would be reported after the meeting.

The full questions and responses provided at the meeting can be found on [Members Questions - HOSC 27 Jan 2025.pdf](#)

41 **Local Care Neighbourhood Working**

The Executive Director for Health provided an overview of Neighbourhood working in Shropshire highlighting the development of community and family hubs, proactive care, and integration efforts. They emphasized the importance of addressing local needs and working collaboratively with partners.

The program aims to address local needs through data-driven approaches, including place-based needs assessments and vulnerability mapping. Community and family hubs had been established in various locations, offering a range of services and activities tailored to local needs. The program emphasizes integration and collaboration with partners, including primary care networks, voluntary sector organizations, and local authorities.

Future plans were outlined including the expansion of the hub network, developing multidisciplinary teams, and enhancing services for specific populations, such as women and those with mental health needs.

The committee discussed various challenges and priorities, including the need for better engagement with local communities, the importance of addressing mental health and women's health, and the integration of services across different areas.

RESOLVED:

That the progress made with Neighbourhood Working in Shropshire be noted, along with the significant amount of partnership working.

Follow-up tasks:

- Suicide Prevention Strategy: Amend the minutes to reflect the correct suicide rates for Shropshire as 12.8 per 100,000, which is 20% higher than the national rate of 10.3. (MTR-Shrewsbury)
- Emergency Services Crisis: Request monthly reports on urgent care targets, including patient numbers, delayed handovers, waiting times, and deaths in A&E departments until government targets are met. (MTR-Shrewsbury)
- Public Health Measures: Advise on public health measures taken to separate patients with infectious illnesses and the implementation of FFP3 masks for health workers and visitors. (MTR-Shrewsbury)
- Elective Operations: Report on the reduction or stoppage of elective operations in Shropshire acute hospitals until urgent care targets are met and staff are reallocated to urgent care. (MTR-Shrewsbury)
- C. difficile Cases: Provide a detailed report on the current and 2024 monthly average number of C. difficile cases in each hospital and measures being taken to reduce these cases. (MTR-Shrewsbury)

42 Update from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

The committee received an update on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).

43 Work Programme

The committee identified key areas for future work, including community hospitals, the integration of services, and the need for better communication and engagement with local communities.

Signed (Chairman)

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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2025

In the The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
11.00 - 11.10 am

Responsible Officer: Ashley Kendrick Democratic Services Officer

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Present

Councillors Mandy Duncan, Adam Fejfer, Dawn Husemann, Vicky Moore, Chris Naylor, Wendy Owen, Rosie Radford, Colin Stanford, Teri Trickett and Duncan Kerr (Substitute) (substitute for Christopher Lemon)

1 Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and duly **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Rosie Radford be elected Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Lemon

Councillor Duncan Keer substituted for Councillor Lemon

3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and duly **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Dawn Husemann be appointed Vice-Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

4 Appointment of Members and Co-optees to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was proposed, seconded and duly **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Dawn Husemann, Chris Naylor and Rosie Radford be appointed to serve on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 Date of Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next scheduled meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be held on Friday 16 June 2025 at 10.00am

Signed (Chairman)

Date:

Agenda Item 9

Date	Item	Responsible Officer	Briefing	Briefing and decision by Members to go to committee	Straight to committee
06/11/2025	Health in all Policies	LGA		✓	
10/11/2025	Neighbourhoods, Community and Family Hubs	RR, PM, NM, NR, MF, MW	✓		
	Digital Health and Wellbeing	NL	✓		
	Local Implications of the NHS 10 Year Plan	RR, CP, NL	✓		

Other identified areas of interest from Committee discussions:

Children's mental health services- Awaiting outcome of the BEEU contracting process

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