



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

Date: Date Not Specified

Committee:
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 29 June 2026

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Shrewsbury Room, 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.

Please click [here](#) to view the livestream of the meeting on the date and time stated on the agenda*

The recording of the event will also be made available shortly after the meeting on the Shropshire Council Youtube Channel [Here](#)

Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Bernie Bentick (Chair)	Adam Fejfer
Dawn Husemann (Vice-Chair)	Rhys Gratton
Neil Bentley	Christopher Lemon
Andy Davis	Colin Stanford
Susan Eden	Beverley Waite

Your Committee Officer is:

Ashley Kendrick Democratic Services Officer
Tel: 01743 250893
Email: ashley.kendrick@shropshire.gov.uk

When attending this meeting, Members are reminded of the three principles of the Jo Cox Foundation and Compassion in Politics Civility Pledge:

1. *Use a civil and constructive tone in debate*
2. *Act with integrity, honesty and compassion*
3. *Behave respectfully towards others, including those I disagree with*

*(Please note that while we strive to live stream meetings, technical issues may occasionally occur. In the event of a technical disruption, the meeting will be paused to try to resolve the issue. Should it not be possible to resume the live stream, the meeting will proceed as scheduled, and a backup recording will be made available after the meeting. Any disruption to the live stream does not affect the legality of the meeting).

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 20 April and 14 May 2026.

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 23 June 2026.

5 Members Question Time

To receive any questions from Members of the Council. Deadline for notification is not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 23 June 2026.

6 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (Pages 7 - 20)

To provide an update on the programme and activity informing the future commissioning of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme in Shropshire.

7 Update on the future of Healthwatch

To receive an update from Lynn Cawley

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

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Bernie Bentick

9 Update from the Health and Wellbeing Board

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Rosie Radford and Rachel Robinson.

10 Work Programme (Pages 21 - 24)

To receive a verbal update from Sophie Foster, Overview & Scrutiny Officer

11 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 19 October 2026.



Committee and Date

Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

29 June 2026

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026

**In the The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
10.00 am**

Responsible Officer: Ashley Kendrick

Email: ashley.kendrick@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 250893

Present

Councillors Rosie Radford (Chair), Dawn Husemann (Vice-Chair), Christopher Lemon, Vicky Moore, Wendy Owen, Teri Trickett, Adam Fejfer and Nigel Lumby (substitute for Colin Stanford)

28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Colin Stanford (substituted by Nigel Lumby) and Mandy Duncan (attending remotely).

29 Disclosable Interests

No declarations were received.

30 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

31 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

32 Members Question Time

There were no members' questions.

33 Appointment to Joint HOSC

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Colin Stanford be appointed to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

34 Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Lynn Parker, Local Nature Recovery Strategy Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), which is a statutory county-wide strategy setting out priorities for nature recovery across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. It was reported that the LNRS comprises a statement of biodiversity priorities and an accompanying habitat map to guide where action would have the greatest impact, supporting joint working and evidence-based decision-making across the Council and partners.

The Committee considered the relevance of the LNRS to health outcomes, noting the links between access to nature and improved mental and physical wellbeing, prevention, health inequalities, climate resilience and reduced demand on health services. The role of urban green infrastructure, accessibility of green spaces, and the importance of integrating nature recovery into planning and future development were discussed.

Members raised questions on the relationship between the LNRS and strategic planning, the Local Plan and spatial development strategies, the protection and enhancement of green corridors and watercourses, and the balance between encouraging development and securing positive environmental and health outcomes. It was emphasised that the LNRS is a guiding and opportunity-based framework and does not impose requirements on private landowners.

The Committee welcomed the strategy and supported the proposal for a wider member briefing to strengthen understanding of the LNRS and its health implications, and to inform future delivery and scrutiny.

35 Drug and Alcohol Service Update

Shaun Morris, Public Health Principal - Drug and Alcohol Strategic Commissioner, delivered a presentation on the drug and alcohol service, including service delivery, current demand and future recommissioning arrangements. It was reported that the service supports adults, children and young people across Shropshire, with provision ranging from brief interventions and harm reduction to structured treatment, detoxification and residential rehabilitation, and works closely with services supporting people who are rough sleeping.

Members noted trends in substance use, treatment engagement and outcomes, including increased numbers in treatment, changes in presenting substances, and ongoing work to reduce early drop-out from services. The Committee was updated on local initiatives, including community detox, the Blue Light Project, drug and alcohol-related death reviews, and targeted professional training.

The Committee considered the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and its role in informing recommissioning of the service, alongside engagement with service users, partners and the provider market. Issues raised included rural accessibility, partnership working, alignment with NHS and police priorities, lived experience involvement, and the need for a flexible, responsive service model.

The Committee welcomed the update and supported the proposal to deliver a wider member briefing to increase awareness of the Drug and Alcohol Service and how councillors can support residents in accessing help.

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

Members noted recent activity focused on planning for the next public meeting, including agreeing priorities, developing lines of enquiry and undertaking informal briefings to support understanding of key issues.

It was reported that forthcoming work would include consideration of community provision, hospital transformation, learning from winter planning, digital inclusion and governance arrangements ahead of the new municipal year. Members also noted ongoing engagement with NHS partners, particularly in light of changes to Integrated Care Boards and wider system arrangements, with a focus on strengthening effective joint working.

37 Update from the Health and Wellbeing Board

Members noted reports on community safety, highlighting reductions in overall crime, antisocial behaviour and reoffending, alongside partnership work on domestic abuse and violence prevention.

The Committee noted discussion on suicide prevention, including local suicide rates, targeted community initiatives and ongoing prevention activity. An update was also provided on special educational needs and disability, including increased demand for Education, Health and Care Plans and the resulting pressures on services.

Members were informed of work underway on drug and alcohol strategy development and on system-wide prevention initiatives, including cardiovascular, renal and metabolic health. The Committee noted the importance of alignment between the Health and Wellbeing Board, scrutiny work and wider partnership priorities to improve outcomes for Shropshire residents.

38 Update from HiAP & Planning Task & Finish Group

Members noted that, following discussion with the Chair, it had been agreed that the report would not proceed to Cabinet in April as originally planned. This was to allow the Task and Finish Group to meet with the newly appointed Service Director for Place Shaping, in order to reflect emerging place shaping, planning and Local Plan work.

It was reported that the remaining work was expected to be concluded by the end of April, with the final report intended to be submitted to Cabinet in June. The Chair thanked members, officers and contributors for their engagement and input to the review.

39 Work Programme

Members considered current and future priorities and agreed the importance of progressing work relating to prevention, partnership working and hospital discharge. It was noted that early preparatory work, including information gathering and identification of key witnesses, should be undertaken to support timely scrutiny.

The Committee also supported the inclusion of future items on the Drug and Alcohol Service and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, together with consideration of access to NHS dentistry and the Better Care Fund. It was noted that a strategic work programming session would take place in June to further refine priorities.

40 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 29 June 2026.

Signed (Chairman)

Date:



Committee and Date

Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

INSERT NEXT MEETING DATE

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2026

**In the The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
12.00 - 12.10 pm**

Responsible Officer: Ashley Kendrick

Email: ashley.kendrick@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 250893

Present

Councillor

Councillors Bernie Bentick, Neil Bentley, Andy Davis, Susan Eden, Adam Fejfer, Rhys Gratton, Dawn Husemann, Christopher Lemon, Beverley Waite and Nigel Lumby (Substitute) (substitute for Colin Stanford)

1 Election of Chairman

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

That Councillor Bernie Bentick be elected Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Stanford

Councillor Nigel Lumby substituted for Councillor Stanford

3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

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

That Councillor Dawn Husemann be appointed Vice-Chairman 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

RESOLVED

That Councillor Bernie Bentick be appointed a member of the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that the membership of Councillors Dawn Husemann and Colin Stanford and co-opted members Lynn Cawley, Anne Mitchell and David Sandbach be confirmed

Signed (Chairman)

Date:

HOSC Update

0-19 (25 for SEND) - Public Health Nursing Services

June 2026

Purpose

Overview of 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service

Existing contract and approach to contract award

Future Plans including Recommissioning

Service Overview & Context

- Public Health Nursing Service 0-19 is a mandated public health service funded from the ring-fenced public health grant.
- Funding is 1/3 of the total Public Health Grant - £4.9m per annum (including 25/26 agenda for change uplift)
- The framework for the delivery of these services are defined within [Healthy child programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).
- Service includes Health Visiting, School Nursing and Family Nurse Partnership.

Service Overview & Context

Integrated 0–19 Public Health Nursing Service, providing universal, targeted and specialist support for children, young people and families across Shropshire.

Page 10

- **Health Visiting offer for children aged 0–5**, delivered from 5 locality bases, supporting around 13,000 babies and children and over 2,400 births each year.
- **School Nursing offer for children and young people aged 5–19**, extending to age 25 for young people with SEND, supporting approximately 34,000 children across 164 education settings.
- **Family Nurse Partnership provides intensive support** for eligible young parents, with a maximum caseload of 100 families, focused on improving maternal, infant and child outcomes.



Service Overview & Context

Core delivery includes mandated contacts, open access clinics, NCMP, health education, safeguarding and targeted early help, aligned to local need and statutory public health responsibilities.

Service model is locality-based, supporting access across rural and urban communities and enabling links with wider partners, schools, early years settings and family support services.

Recommissioning 25/26 - Steps Taken

Strategic review and options appraisal were completed to identify the most appropriate and sustainable route for securing continued delivery of this mandated service.

- A full options appraisal was undertaken to consider future commissioning arrangements for the Public Health Nursing Service (PHNS).
- This ensured a structured review of the available procurement and commissioning options before any decision was made.



Recommissioning 25/26- Steps Taken

JCDG considered and endorsed the proposed route

Page 13

- The options appraisal was presented to the Joint Commissioning Development Group (JCDG).
- On 10 February 2025, JCDG endorsed the recommendation to proceed via Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Process C.

Leadership Board oversight obtained

- The proposal was presented to Leadership Board on 10 June 2025, given the significance of the contract in terms of:
 - service delivery,
 - financial value,
 - system expectations, and
 - member interest,
- Leadership Board supported the approach.

PSR Direct Award route: Steps Taken

Page 14

PSR assessment undertaken for PHNS provider

A formal PSR assessment was completed in relation to the service currently delivered by Shropshire Community Health Trust (SCHT).

Supporting evidence was provided by SCHT, alongside a summary document.

Independent review and quality assurance sought

- The completed assessment was shared for independent review by colleagues not directly involved in commissioning the service.
- This also included wider system input due to the service's impact across council and system priorities.

PSR Outcome



Decision was upheld in February 2026 to use Direct Award, Process C as part of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) to award the Public Health Nursing Service Contract to Shropshire Community Health Trust for 3 years.

Page 15



Following a review of the updated PSR guidance (November 2025), we were unable to proceed with an award of a 3-year contract.

The lifetime value of a contract cannot exceed 25% increase



An 18-month contract effective from 1st April 2026 was awarded to Shropshire Community Health Trust following the standstill period and final award notices being published.



Value of contract is £4,923,716 per annum

Why a Direct Award was made

The award supports continuity amid rising demand, national pressures, and limited funding.

- OHID expectations have increased
- There is recognised pressure to meet guidance within budget
- Working Together legislative changes
- Family First programme development

The route followed an established governance and assurance process.

- Based on a full options appraisal,
- Endorsed by JCDG
- Supported by Leadership Board



Next Steps

Page 17

The refreshed 2026 Healthy Child Programme Guidance confirms the programme as the national delivery model for public health nursing services from preconception to adulthood and strengthens expectations on quality, consistency, equitable access, data, service sustainability, and assurance.

It is accompanied by updated commissioning guidance and a revised high-impact area framework for ages 0–19. Together, these emphasise prevention and early intervention, clearer roles for 0–19 public health nursing teams, stronger accountability, support proportionate to need, and better data collection and reporting.

Planning to identify the most appropriate route for the recommissioning of PHNS for a longer contract term past October 2027 has begun.

Provider market engagement is planned to test the market and inform how best to proceed

Appropriate discussions with the provider have been held

PHNS Re-Commissioning Oversight Panel is being established

Co design with partners

Next steps and timeline to be agreed

Risks & Mitigations

- Workforce pressures impacting delivery
- National reform expectations impacting on resource
- Short-term contract limits change
- Mitigations: contract monitoring, priority area improvement plans
- Mitigations: recommissioning programme

Key Messages



Critical statutory
service under
pressure



PSR ensured safe
continuity



Recommissioning is
key opportunity

This page is intentionally left blank

Health Work Programming Discussion: Topics Identified on 09.06.2026

DRAFT

Topic	Approach	Date
Recommissioning of 0-19 Healthy Child Programme	Report to committee	29 th June 2026
Healthwatch Shropshire Update	Verbal update to committee.	29 th June 2026
Neighbourhoods-Shropshire Council	tbc	September 2026
Neighbourhoods-NHS/ICB 5 yr strategic commissioning priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people • Frailty • Mental health • SEND 	Whole committee working group Pre-scrutiny report to committee	tbc tbc

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVRM (Cardiovascular, Renal, and Metabolism) 		
Discharge-delays and inappropriate discharges	Joint committee working with POSC Whole committee workshop	January 2027 (as there are anticipated changes to the better care fund)
Progress update of the recommissioned 0-19 Healthy Child Programme	Report to committee	From April 2027
Progress update of the recommissioned community drug and alcohol services.	Report to committee	From April 2027
Deliver a refreshed Statutory Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS) focusing on the Marmot principles, incorporating inequalities and prevention plans and setting out the long-term vision for improving health and wellbeing.	Report to committee	April 2027

Director of Public Health Annual Report	All member briefing	tbc
Update on the CYPS mental health contract	Report to committee	tbc
System performance	Whole committee working	tbc
Patient voice	Task and finish group	tbc
Excess Deaths/Preventable Deaths	Whole committee working	tbc
Women's Health	All member briefing	tbc

This page is intentionally left blank