



Worcestershire Data Sharing Charter

Our Purpose

Our goal is to ensure that Worcestershire's residents are safe, happy and healthy. As a Partnership group, we are committed to empowering local service providers with the information they need to make the right decisions. Enhanced data sharing across our organisations will play a pivotal role in shaping our approach and underpin our strategies around prevention, protection and intervention.

Our Commitment

"Worcestershire partners will deliver cultural and systematic change in the way we approach data sharing across the county. Collectively, we will work from a default premise of the "duty to share" data being equal to the "duty to protect" it. That is, in all circumstances, we will share data unless there is a legal or ethical reason not to. We will do this in the pursuit of improved outcomes for residents, businesses and the wider community."

The following organisations have agreed to work together to support delivery of this vision:



Our Guiding Principles

To ensure a consistent approach is taken towards achieving Worcestershire's vision, we have agreed a set of principles that will guide work towards delivering the local mandate:



Worcestershire Partners will **start with a premise of duty to share**, unless there is a legal or ethical reason not to do so.



Worcestershire Partners will **be transparent and build trust with residents, businesses and communities** through the publication of key datasets wherever possible. Every effort will be made to put the resident at the centre of decisions about their data.



Worcestershire Partners will **engage with stakeholders regularly and empower organisations and staff** to share data competently through a no-blame culture.



Worcestershire Partners will **prioritise outcomes led initiatives** with genuine prospects for improving outcomes for residents, businesses and the wider community.



Worcestershire Partners **will comply with all relevant legislation** when sharing data.



Worcestershire Partners will **provide expert strategic leadership** with clear lines of accountability to ensure confidence throughout the system.



Worcestershire Partners will **invest real energy in achieving and delivering change**.



Worcestershire Partners **will develop clear and compelling use cases** to ensure that we are able to demonstrate the impact of data sharing.



Worcestershire Partners will **provide a clear mandate for prioritising data sharing initiatives**.



Worcestershire Partners **will undertake thorough evaluation of projects and programmes** to ensure value for money is being delivered.



Worcestershire Partners **will consider data sharing when commissioning new projects**.



Worcestershire Partners **will champion change in central government** and encourage government departments to lead the way in sharing data and breaking down silos.