

The 2014 Warwickshire and West Mercia Declaration on improving outcomes for people experiencing mental health crisis Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

We, as partner organisations in Warwickshire and West Mercia, will work together to put in place the principles of the national **Concordat** to improve the system of care and support so that people in crisis because of a mental health condition are kept safe. We will help them to find the help they need – whatever the circumstances – from whichever of our services they turn to first.

We will work together to prevent crises happening whenever possible, through intervening at an early stage.

We will make sure we meet the needs of vulnerable people in urgent situations, getting the right care at the right time from the right people to make sure of the best outcomes.

We will do our very best to make sure that all relevant public services, contractors and independent sector partners support people with a mental health problem to help them recover. Everybody who signs this declaration will work towards developing ways of sharing information to help front line staff provide better responses to people in crisis.

We are responsible for delivering this commitment in Warwickshire and West Mercia by putting in place, reviewing and regularly updating the attached action plan.

This declaration supports 'parity of esteem' (see the glossary) between physical and mental health care in the following ways:

- Through everyone agreeing a shared 'care pathway' to safely support, assess and manage anyone who asks any of our services in Warwickshire and West Mercia for help in a crisis. This will result in the best outcomes for people with illness, provide advice and support for their carers, and make sure that services work together safely and effectively.
- Through agencies working together to improve individuals' experience (professionals, people using services at time of crisis, and carers) and reduce the likelihood of harm to the health and wellbeing of patients, carers and professionals and wider community.
- By making sure there is a safe and effective service with clear and agreed policies and procedures in place for people in crisis, and that organisations can access the service and refer people to it in the same way as they would for physical health and social care services.
- By all organisations who sign this declaration working together and accepting our responsibilities to reduce the likelihood of future harm to patients, service users, carers, wider community, staff and to support people's recovery and wellbeing.

We, the organisations listed below, support this Declaration. We are committed to working together to continue to improve crisis care for people with mental health needs in Warwickshire and West Mercia.

Who should sign a local Declaration?

Many local organisations want to support the Declaration because of their commitment to improve mental health care and may want to make a specific contribution within the action plan for continuous improvements.

In addition, certain organisations have a formal (statutory) responsibility and/or a professional duty of care regarding people presenting in mental health crisis:

- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- NHS England Local Area teams (primary care commissioners)
- Commissioners of social services
- The Police Service
- Police and Crime Commissioners
- The Ambulance Service
- NHS providers of Urgent and Emergency Care (Emergency Departments within local hospitals)
- Public / independent providers of NHS funded mental health services
- Public / independent providers of substance misuse services

David Shaw
Chief Constable
West Mercia Police
Headquarters



Bill Longmore
West Mercia Police and Crime
Commissioner



Tom Currie
Assistant Chief Officer
Head of Service NPS
West Mercia



Neil Carr
Chief Executive Officer
South Staffordshire and
Shropshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Clive Ireland
Chairman
Shropshire Mind



Simon Hairsnape
Chief Officer
NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove
Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Wyre Forest Clinical
Commissioning Group



Dr Richard Harling
Director
Adult Services and
Health
Worcestershire County
Council

Gail Quinton
Director of Children's
Services
Worcestershire County



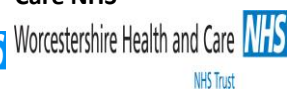
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Chief Operating Officer
NHS South
Worcestershire Clinical
Commissioning Group



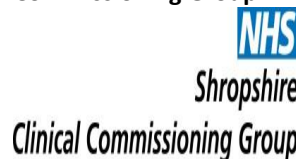
Peter Herring
Chief Executive
Shrewsbury and Telford
Hospitals (SATH)



Sarah Dugan
Chief Executive
Worcestershire Health and
Care NHS



Caron Morton
Accountable Officer
Shropshire Clinical
Commissioning Group



Clive Wright
Chief Executive
Shropshire Council



Liz Stafford
Chief Executive
Warwickshire and West
Mercia Community
Rehabilitation Company



Paul Taylor
Director: Health, Wellbeing &
Care
Telford & Wrekin Council



Sue Price
Director of
Commissioning
Arden, Herefordshire and
Worcestershire Area
Team NHS England



Richard Kelly
Executive Director
Herefordshire Mind



David Evans
Chair & Chief Officer
NHS Telford and Wrekin
Clinical Commissioning
Group



Dr Ken Deacon
Medical Director/ Interim
Director of Commissioning
Shropshire & Staffordshire
Area Team
NHS England



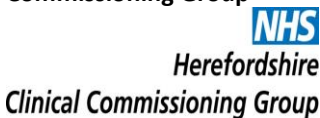
Penny Venables
Chairman and Chief
Executive
Worcestershire Acute
Hospitals NHS Trust



Steven Gregory
Director of Nursing and
Operations
Shropshire Community
Health NHS Trust



Jo Whitehead
Chief Officer
Herefordshire Clinical
Commissioning Group



Richard Beeken
Chief Executive Officer
Hereford Wye Valley Trust



Sam Joyce
Chief Executive Officer
Telford Mind



David Ashford
Head of Clinical
Practice – Mental
Health





Helen Coombes
**Herefordshire Council Adults
and Wellbeing**



Shaun Clee
**2gether NHS Foundation
Trust (Herefordshire)**



Allan Gregory
**Superintendent
British Transport Police**



Jo Davidson
**Herefordshire Council
Childrens and Family**

