

Report to: **Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **12 September 2006**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Adult Social Care Policy Steers 2007/08**

Purpose of report: **To inform Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee of proposed amendments to the current (2006/07) set of Adult Social Care Policy Steers.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee are recommended to:

1. Note the proposed changes to the 2006/07 Adult Social Care policy steers
 2. Consider and comment on the amended policy steers for 2007/08
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

2. Background and Supporting Information

2.1 The Departmental Policy Steers are currently being reviewed as part of the Reconciling Policy and Resources process and the White Paper '*Our health, Our care, Our say*' which sets out the national strategic direction for Adult Social Care. The 2006/07 Adult Social Care policy steers are attached at **Appendix A**.

2.2 Adult Social Care would like to propose two changes to the policy steers, for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Remove '*increase access to intermediate care and rehabilitation services that promote independence*'. It is proposed that this policy steer is deleted as these areas of service provision are captured under two other policy steers namely:
 - With Health and Housing improve how we plan and commission services
 - Support more older people and vulnerable adults in their own homes and local community.
- 2) Replace '*develop disability and mental health services which focus on community support, ensuring effective transition from children's services*' with '*support young people transferring from children's to adult social care services*'. The revised wording ensures that this policy steer covers all areas of service provision, not just disability and mental health.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The proposed changes ensure that the resulting 2007/08 policy steers (**Appendix B**) capture all of the priority areas for improvement identified within the Adult Social Care Three Year Plan and other relevant planning documentation.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Adult Social Care Policy Steers 2006/07

- Improve how people access advice, help and support, jointly with Health and Housing.
- Develop the assessment and management of people's care that focuses on their individual need, circumstances and personal preferences, jointly with Health and Housing.
- Improve how we plan and commission services, jointly with all our partners.
- Support more older people and vulnerable adults in their own homes and local community.
- Increase access to intermediate care and rehabilitation services that promote independence.
- Improve opportunities for vulnerable people to positively engage with their communities and further encourage participation in local services and activities.
- Involve users and carers in the planning and delivery of services.
- Develop disability and mental health services which focus on community support, ensuring effective transition from children's service.
- Continue to improve joint working with Health, Housing, Independent and Voluntary sectors.

Our **Departmental Policy Steers** for 2007/08 are to:

- Improve how people access advice, help and support through joint work with partners.
- Develop the assessment and management of people's care that focuses on their individual needs, circumstance and personal preferences, jointly with Health and Housing.
- With Health and Housing improve how we plan and commission services.
- Support more older people and vulnerable adults in their own homes and local community.
- Improve opportunities for vulnerable people to positively engage with their communities and further encourage participation in local services and activities.
- Involve users, carers and partners in the planning and delivery of services.
- Ensure effective transition from children's services to adult social care.
- Lead improvements to the well-being of local communities across East Sussex through joint working with all our partners.