

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

Date: **12 September 2006**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Impact of Reconciling Policy and Resources 2006/07**

Purpose of report: **To update the committee on the progress with the Reconciling Policy and Resources 2006/07 budget implementation**

RECOMMENDATION: To note the progress of the Reconciling Policy and Resources 2006/07 to date

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 When the budget for 2006/07 was set it required savings of £4,301k. A decision made during 2004/05 also required savings of £800k to be implemented in 2006/07 from greater efficiencies arising from a review of Older Peoples Day Services and Gilda Crescent Residential Unit. This would enable £2,109k to be reinvested in providing more care to meet the increasing needs, particularly those of older people and people with a learning disability.

2. Background and Supporting Information

2.1 The first priority for the savings is to meet the cashable sum and therefore remain within the overall budget envelope. Where savings were planned for reinvestment in services these will only be commissioned once the cashable savings have been delivered. Inevitably there will be some impact on service users by reductions of this magnitude, however where ever possible impact on services users has been mitigated by the use of other existing services or by reducing costs, rather than services through efficiency savings. The attached schedule at Appendix 1 shows the current position and impact of the savings to date.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress to date on the implementation plan to generate savings.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

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Update on the 2006/07 Reconciling Policy and Resources budget

Recommendation	Proposed cash Savings at February 06 (£000s)	Director commentary	Cash savings at August 06 (£000s)
Management and support			
Review Support to Independent Providers	110	Notice was required and a final payment of £31k has been made to the Independent Providers Forum. There is no direct impact on service users.	79
Review of Transport	70	This is linked to the corporate transport review. Analysis of spend and services to inform this is about to commence.	0
Mental Health			
MACA Contract Reduction	60	This is an efficiency saving, consequently as yet no discernible impact on service users has been identified.	56
Rethink Contract Reduction	78	£47,800 of this sum was for the SOS service. An application has been made for lottery funding and pending that, the service continues. If the bid is unsuccessful the service will cease with no re-provision. The remaining saving resulted in the closure of an outreach service and the work has been absorbed by the local statutory services. Impact so far has been minimal on service users.	78
Deletion of post	30	This post was vacant.	30
Review of High Cost Placements and eligibility	85	Reviewers have been appointed and reviews are underway, evidence to date suggests the full saving will be made. Alternatives have been identified for those experiencing a change of service. This process will lead to some short-term disruption to service users.	85
Review Contracts for Services – Crossroads and Turning Point	47	Crossroads saving made through efficiency and in consultation with Carers as part of the Carers Grant savings. A number of carers will receive a reduced service. Turning Point: The funding shortfall has been covered by the Primary Care Trust	47

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		for 2006/07 to allow for further exploration of the impact and alternative funding options.	
Learning Disability			
Review of High Cost Placements and eligibility criteria	320	A review of residential services is underway. 100 service users whose care currently totals £3.3m will have been reviewed by 31/3/07. Alternatives will be put in place for all those experiencing a change in service. As a consequence of re-provisioning some short-term disruption will be experienced by service users.	0
Hastings and Bexhill Mencap	18	Notice has been given to Active Arts and the service has ceased. Service users continue to receive day care services.	12
Review Avis Way	250	Review underway with report due to Cabinet in December.	0
Review Mencap Advocacy	100	This has been achieved through efficiency savings and by utilising other sources of funding, there is no discernible impact on service users.	46
Review of Small Group Homes	450	Initial market testing has been undertaken and a review will be commenced later in this year, in line with the development of a commissioning strategy. This will seek to specify the role of all directly provided learning disability services.	0
Physical and Sensory Disability			
Review of High Cost Placements and eligibility	240	A review of residential services is underway. Alternative provision will be commissioned when a change of service is indicated.	0
Review ESVC Contract	140	Contract reviewed and renegotiated with 6 months notice required. A range of support has now been withdrawn. Referrals to statutory services will be made where appropriate.	70
Review ESDA Holiday Respite	6	Contract terminated. Support withdrawn for holiday scheme.	6

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Older People			
Review of High Cost Placements and eligibility	897	Reviewing Team now in place. Reviews will lead to withdrawal, reduction and changes in service to a number of service users.	0
Full year effect of home care transfers and efficiencies in DPS home care	600	The decision to transfer some provision to the independent sector, allowing the directly provided service to focus on intensive home care has produced greater savings than anticipated. There is no impact on service users beyond short-term disruption caused by a change in provider.	760
Review of Carers Services	350	The savings were agreed following full stakeholder involvement including carers in the light of the Commissioning Strategy which ensured adverse impact on carers was minimised. Savings from Crossroads schemes will impact on some carers through individual service reductions but wherever possible efficiencies have been made to reduce the impact on service users.	350
Increased Efficiency in DPS bed based care	200	A new manager for this service commences in September 2006. A review of occupancy and the admissions processes is being undertaken. A fuller review of directly provided services is planned later this year. This will not impact on service users as it is an efficiency saving.	0
Review of Day Services and Gilda Crescent	800	<p>The closure of Pembury Rd has taken place on 31 July. Downlands closes at the end of September and the Friary Day Centre at end of August. 20-30% of service users were ineligible for a service following re-assessment. All remaining service users have been re-provided for in alternative settings. Impact on service users is increased travel time for some to their service and the disruption and concern caused by closure to existing provision.</p> <p>An agreement has been reached on the use of 8 beds at Gilda with Health as a Transitional service with the PCT contributing £120k in a full year. Impact on service users is therefore minimal.</p>	496
Increased income through improved processes	250	New processes are being implemented to ensure that financial assessments are undertaken once the care needs have been identified to ensure that charging for	0

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		home care can be instigated more quickly. Improvements will materialise but it is too soon to be able to measure them accurately. No impact on service users.	
Total	5,101		2,115