

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

Date: **21 November 2006**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services - Action Plan update**

Purpose of report: **To update the Scrutiny Committee with respect to progress made with the implementation of the Learning Disability Best Value Review Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee are recommended to endorse the Department's work to implement the recommendations arising from the Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services, as outlined in the updated Best Value Review Action Plan.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 Any financial implications will be managed within existing resources.

2. Background and Supporting Information

2.1 The outcome of the Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services, and an Action Plan to address key areas, was reported to Cabinet by the Project Board on 2 May 2006. This is the first update concerning progress with the Action Plan.

2.2 The Project Board recommendations, and subsequently the Action Plan, focussed on the following areas of service: Person Centred Approaches, Supported Employment, Planning for future need, Direct Payments, Transport and Funding. Overall, the picture is one of steady progress toward desired outcomes. Please see the updated Action Plan in Appendix 1.

2.3 The development of a Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy over the next 6 months is an opportunity to build on current achievements and to set clear goals for the future development of services.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 All aspects of the Best Value Review Action Plan will continue to be taken forward by the Department in conjunction with the Learning Disability Partnership Board, and its sub groups. Regular reports on implementing will continue be made to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

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Local Member(s): *All*
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services– Action Plan Update

APPENDIX 1

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Key reporting dates:

- (1) Scrutiny report considered by County Council: 2nd May 2006
- (2) Six-monthly report back to Scrutiny Committee: **21st November 2006**
- (3) One-year report back to Scrutiny Committee: June 2007

Best Value Review Project Board			Adult Social Care	
No.	Recommendation	Timescale/ deadlines	Actions/responsibility/resources/progress	Update November 2006
1. Person Centred Planning				
1	<p>(a) The Board endorse the Person Centred Approach and recommend that it should continue to be present and promoted throughout the whole service</p> <p>(b) The Board support the maintenance of Person Centred Planning in line with the departmental target, and recommend an increased focus, particularly in the areas of</p> <p>i. Transition for Children’s Services</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>Progress report by 2007</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>a) Work to develop person centred approaches (PCA) and person centred planning (PCP) will continue to underpin how we commission and deliver services to people with learning disabilities. This work will be taken forward by the Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) and PCP Sub Group, as detailed in the PCP Sub Group Action Plan.</p> <p>b) Progress with PCP will continue to be monitored against departmental targets, through PAF quarterly monitoring and by the LDPB. Progress with young people in transition and people living with older carers will be reported on</p>	<p><i>Work to develop PCA continues. PCA consultants Frameworks for Change have begun work with service providers and community organisations in all sectors, and work to develop commissioning practice. Other LDDF funded projects continue to contribute to innovation and service development in this area, for example Project Artworks Personal Profiles.</i></p> <p><i>Development of person centred plans on target (80 by 31.3.07) with focus on identified priority groups.</i></p> <p><i>Pilot project under way to develop more person centred approaches to supporting young people in transition. Review of ESCC transition protocol also underway.</i></p>

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	<p>to Adult Social Care, and,</p> <p>ii. Service users living with carers who are aged over 65 years.</p> <p>(c) The Board recommend that the use of Person Centred Plans is encouraged with external providers of learning disability services.</p>	On going	<p>specifically.</p> <p>c) Through the LDPB and PCP Sub Group, the Department will continue to work closely with external providers to promote and encourage the development of PCA and PCP as detailed in the PCP Sub Group Action Plan. The Department will continue to ensure service specifications and contracts with external providers promote PCP and PCA.</p> <p>d) The Department would like to highlight the contribution made by other regular service activities (such as assessment, care planning and review and transition planning) to supporting service users to realise their potential and developing person centred approaches within the service.</p>	

2. Employment				
2	<p>(a) The Board recognise the good progress made by the Department in finding employment for adults with learning disabilities, but recommend consideration is given to a more consistent application, by directly provided and independent services, in seeking training and employment</p>	On going	<p>Accepted</p> <p>(a) Through the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Employment Sub Group, the Department will continue to work with our partners to support people with disabilities into appropriate education and training and employment, as detailed in the</p>	<p><i>A number of recent developments are and will continue to support the development of employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities:</i></p> <p><i>- Successful recruitment to LDDF</i></p>

	<p>opportunities.</p> <p>(b) Consideration should be given in reconciling policy and resources to the feasibility of employing an officer with overall responsibility for finding employment for adults with learning disabilities</p> <p>(c) Strengthening links with external organisations that help to find employment for adults with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>2007/08 budget</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>Employment Sub Group Action Plan.</p> <p>b) In 2006 the Department will lead and coordinate bids to the Learning Disability Development Fund and European Social Fund to resource employment and training support services for people with learning disabilities. In the light of these bids, the position will be reviewed for the 2007-2008 budget.</p> <p>(c) Links with colleges, providers of employment and training support and brokerage services, and employers, will continue to be strengthened through the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Employment Sub Group, as detailed in the Employment Sub Group Action Plan.</p>	<p><i>Employment Advisor project. Project will be operational by December.</i></p> <p><i>- European Social Fund Bridging the Divide Project, to improve links between colleges and work for people with disabilities. Delivery to begin 2007.</i></p> <p><i>- ESCC Day Services continue to develop opportunities for training and employment for service users, based on a person centred approach. Conquest day services staff currency undergoing externally commissioned training on modernisation day opportunities, delivered by national specialists, Paradigm.</i></p> <p><i>- Learning Disability services involved in ESCC Personnel and Training project to improve employment opportunities within the Council for people with disabilities.</i></p>
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3. Planning for future need				
3	<p>(a) The Board have identified the need for a review into all Learning Disability high cost placements to establish best value, and are pleased to note that the Adult Social Care Department have independently come to the same conclusion.</p> <p>(b) The Board recommend that, in conjunction with reducing reliance on residential accommodation, Adult Social Care continue to focus on increasing the provision of supported accommodation.</p>	<p>Progress report by September 2006</p> <p>Progress report by January 2007</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>(a) A review high cost learning disability placements will be completed in 2006. This will ensure the needs of service users are met in the most cost effective way for the Council.</p> <p>(b) Work to develop a greater range and choice of housing and support options for people with learning disabilities (and thereby reduce reliance on residential care options) will continue with our partners in District Housing Departments and with service providers, as detailed in the LDPB Strategic Housing Group Action Plan, and through the Supporting People Strategic Housing Forum.</p> <p>(c) A Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy will be developed during 2006.</p>	<p><i>Additional resource for reviewing activity has been identified and work has started on reviews, with key priorities identified.</i></p> <p><i>Commissioning Strategy development underway with planned delivery for April 2007.</i></p> <p><i>New supported housing schemes in the pipeline:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Churchill Court, Hastings (2 x 1 bed and 3 x 2 bed flats, Hastings, delivered) - Park Lane, Eastbourne (9 x 1 bed flats, April 2007), and PFI Extra Care - Awaiting outcome of PFI Extra Care Housing bid, that will provide 40 places for people with LD
4. Direct Payments for people with learning disabilities				
4	<p>(a) The Board recommend that Adult Social Care continue to expand and further promote the use of the direct payment scheme.</p>	<p>Progress report by September 2006</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Work to increase the take up of direct payments for people with learning disabilities will continue as per the departmental target. This work will be taken forward by the LDPB Direct Payments Sub Group as set out in their Action Plan, and the Direct Payment</p>	<p><i>New easy read guide to Direct Payments for PLD produced and distributed during 2006.</i></p> <p><i>Revision of Direct Payments Guidance for staff underway to be completed early 2007. This will include new guidance around mental capacity and Trusts, two areas important to increasing take up of DP</i></p>

			Strategy Group.	<p><i>for people with learning disabilities.</i></p> <p><i>Training Workshops being delivered to LD assessment staff during October 2006 in the lead up to new guidance.</i></p>
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5. Transport				
5	a) The Board recommend that a review be undertaken by the Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee which considers the co-ordination, potential efficiency savings and future development, of the provision of transport for all people with a disability.	Report to the Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee before 2007/2008 budget	<p>Accepted:</p> <p>(a) The Department would support a cross cutting Best Value review of transport for all people using Adult Social Care services.</p>	<p><i>A Best Value Review of Passenger Transport begun at the end of October. Councillors Glazier, Lock and Reid make up the review board. Cllr Reid is the Chair. The scope of the review will include the provision of passenger transport within ASC and CS.</i></p> <p><i>ESCC Day Services continue to provide travel training to services users, to enable them to access the community more independently</i></p>
6. Funding				
6	(a) The Board are aware of a review of Health Pool Funding and request a progress update in six months to the Adult Social Care scrutiny committee.	September 2006	<p>Accepted:</p> <p>(a) A report detailing progress with the review of the Section 31 Pooled Budget arrangements, will be provided.</p>	<p><i>The existing Section 31 agreement has been extended. A further piece of work is underway to resolve outstanding issues, including agreement around access and eligibility criteria and care management of cases where there are significant health needs.</i></p>