

## Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy Action Plan

### PART ONE: Strategic Objectives and KEY actions to be included in the Implementation Plan

		Year 1,2,3	Lead Work Group	
<b>Resources and cross cutting objectives</b>				
1. Review all commissioning arrangements to ensure best outcomes for people with learning disabilities and best use of resources				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Complete review Section 31 Pooled Budget agreement	1	Joint Commissioning Board	
	b) Establish a Service Placements Team within the Department of Adult Social Care to improve procurement and purchasing	1	ASC Commissioning and Contracts and Purchasing Unit (CPU)	
	c) Develop service specifications and contracts for learning disability residential services	1	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	e) Review of all Directly Provided Services (DPS) to ensure best use of property and resources	1&2	ASC DPS Review	
	f) Re-tender of services currently provided by Kent & Medway Partnership Trust	1&2	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	g) Undertake a Transition Review Project	1&2	ASC Commissioning	
	h) Develop service specifications and contracts for day, community and supported housing services	2	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	i) Develop effective contract monitoring and quality assurance systems for all commissioned services	2&3	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	j) Increased use of competitive tender to get best price for services	2&3	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
2. As a % of total spend, reduce investment on residential care placements and increase investment in community based services				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Develop a service specification and tender for learning disability domiciliary care service	1	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	b) Review the Department of Adult Social Care's Directly Provided Services	1&2	ASC DPS Review	

	c) Complete the Department of Adult Social Care's Residential Review Project	2	Joint Commissioning Board	
	d) Examine the case for increasing investment in the County Council's Community Support Service from the Community Care Budget	2	Joint Commissioning Board	
	e) Invest an additional £280k in learning disability care management	2&3	ASC Care Management and Commissioning	
<b>3. Ensure equality for all people with learning disabilities</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Ensure people from minority groups have opportunity to contribute to the work of the Partnership Board	1, 2 & 3	Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB)	
	b) Design, commission and deliver services in ways that can respond to a diverse service user population.	2&3	Joint Commissioning Board	
<b>4. Ensure a skilled, confident and flexible workforce in learning disability services</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Continue to provide a full qualification training and development framework	1, 2 & 3	ESCC, NHS and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
	b) Develop a learning and development strategy for learning disability workforce in East Sussex	2	ESCC, NHS and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to make choices and have more control</b>				
<b>5. Commission services that are committed to service user involvement, Person Centred Approaches and Total Communication</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Develop and implement a Total Communication Strategy and ensure this underpins commissioning of services	1	LDPB	
	b) Invest in a one year Total Communication Worker pilot project	1&2	ASC DPS	
	c) Continue development of Person Centred Approaches and Person Centred Planning for identified priority groups	1,2 & 3	LDPB PCA Sub Group	
	d) Ensure service Total Communication, service user involvement and Person Centred Approaches quality standards are embedded in contracts for commissioned services	2&3	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	e) Continue to invest in service user involvement	2&3	LDPB	
<b>6. Continue to develop approaches to independent living and self-directed support</b>				
Key actions from	a) Implement a One-Off Direct Payments pilot scheme in Learning Disability Services	1, 2 & 3	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	

Implementation Plan	b) Continue to develop approaches to Independent Living Trusts and In-Direct Payments.	1, 2 & 3	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
<b>7. Continue to develop advocacy services</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Provide more support to voluntary and community groups to secure grant funding for the continued development of advocacy services in East Sussex	1, 2 & 3	LDPB	
<b>Better health for people with learning disabilities</b>				
<b>8. Address health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work with primary and secondary health services to develop quality standards that will ensure services are better able to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities	1	Primary Care Trust (PCT)	
	b) Establish senior PCT leadership for the health of people with learning disabilities and the delivery of the above action plan	1	PCT	
	c) Develop and implement an action plan to address health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities	1&2	PCT	
	d) Review and re-commission the Learning Disability Community Health Teams	1&2	Joint Commissioning Board	
	e) Review Sussex Partnership Trust Challenging Needs Service, the Supported Living Service and Outreach Service	1&2	PCT	
<b>9. Improve services for people with learning disabilities and mental health needs</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Establish provision of Assessment & Treatment services, including emergency respite and crisis response	2	Joint Commissioning Board	
	b) Continue to work towards the Green Light standards, improving access to mental health services	2&3	Green Light Project Group	
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to be part of their community</b>				
<b>10. Move forward with the modernisation of day opportunities</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Review the Council Council's Directly Provided Day Services, ensuring appropriate services are available to young people entering adult services and older people	1&2	ASC DPS Review	
	b) The County Council and local NHS will create more job opportunities for people with learning disabilities	1, 2 & 3	ESCC and local NHS	
	c) Ensure service users and parents and carers are involved in the future modernisation of day opportunities and the design and development of new	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB	

	services			
	d) All newly commissioned housing and support services will explore the potential of developing on-site or linked community information points	1, 2 & 3	LD Housing Strategy Group	
	e) Work in partnership with the Learning Skills Council and local education providers to equal opportunities for people with learning disabilities and that provision is person centred and progression focussed	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB	
	f) Complete an Executive Best Value Review of Passenger Transport	2	ESCC	
	g) Identify a suitable site in Crowborough for the re-provision of day services from Southview Close	2	ASC DPS Review	
	h) Invest more in services that support and enable people with learning disabilities to move toward and into work.	2 & 3	ASC and LDPB	
<b>11. Support the development of a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector for people with learning disabilities</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work with providers in the voluntary and community sector to support them to enhance their capacity to support socially excluded and vulnerable people in their communities.	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB	
	b) Explore potential for the further development and promotion of social enterprise schemes	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB	
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to maximise their independence and keep safe</b>				
<b>12. Increase the range and quality of housing and support options for people with learning disabilities</b>				
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Commission a new supported housing scheme in each of the Borough and District localities across the county	1, 2 & 3	ASC, Supporting People (SP) Strategic Forum and LD Housing Strategy Group	
	b) Invest £4 million over the next 4 years to deliver further improvements to the physical environment of learning disability services	1, 2 & 3	ASC	
	c) Develop a learning disability select list of housing and support providers	2	ASC, SP Strategic Forum and LD Housing Strategy Group	
	d) Agree a Housing Referral Protocol for people with learning disabilities	2	ASC SP Strategic Forum and LD Housing Strategy Group	

<b>13. Improve support to parents and carers</b>			
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) Complete review of current and future residential respite requirements across the county	1	ASC DPS
	b) Use £100K+ of the Carers Grant to support new and innovative projects that carers have identified	2&3	ASC and Carers Strategy Group
<b>14. Develop services that support people with learning disabilities to keep safe</b>			
Key actions from Implementation Plan	a) £32,500 to be invested in the Department of Adult Social Care's Anti-Bullying project to ensure county wide coverage	1	ASC DPS
	b) Implement the Adult Protection action plan	1	ASC Care Management and Commissioning
	c) Provide Telecare services for 50 people with learning disabilities	1	ASC Care Management and Commissioning
<b>15. Strengthen care management in learning disability services</b>			
Key actions from Implementation Plan	b) Undertake a needs assessment to inform future commissioning of services for people with autism	1	Mental Health Partnership Board and LDPB
	a) Undertake Transition Review Project	1&2	ASC Commissioning and Children's Services
	c) Invest an additional £280k in learning disability care management	2&3	ASC Care Management and Commissioning
	d) Develop specialist services for older people with learning disabilities, including extra care housing and services for people with dementia	2&3	ASC Care Management and Commissioning

**PART TWO: Strategic Objectives and ADDITIONAL actions to be included in the Implementation Plan:**

		<b>Year 1,2, 3</b>	<b>Lead Work Group</b>	
<b>Resources and cross cutting objectives</b>				
<b>1. Review all commissioning arrangements to ensure best outcomes for people with learning disabilities and best use of resources</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work with Children's Services to ensure placements likely to continue into adulthood are also subject to the Matrix.	1, 2 & 3	ASC Commissioning, CPU and Children's Services	
	b) Learning Disability Development Funds will be used to support the implementation of this Commissioning Strategy	1, 2 & 3	LDPB	
	c) Implement annual County Council Reconciling Policy and Resources and NHS Local Delivery Plan savings plans	1, 2 & 3	ESCC and NHS	
<b>2. As a % of total spend, reduce investment on residential care placements and increase investment in community based services</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Review existing Supporting People expenditure on Learning Disability services	2	SP Strategic Forum	
<b>3. Ensure equality for all people with learning disabilities</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work with Invest to Save Community Outreach Project to develop an improved understanding of the needs of BME communities	1&2	LDPB	
	b) Implementation of the County Council's ESCC Equality Standard.	1, 2 & 3	ESCC	
	c) Support staff to develop their knowledge and awareness of equalities issues.	1, 2 & 3	ESCC, NHS and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
	d) Improve equalities monitoring through information, monitoring and recording systems	1, 2 & 3	Joint Commissioning Board	
<b>4. Ensure a skilled, confident and flexible workforce in learning disability services</b>				
Actions from	a) Run a series of workshops on Mental capacity Act, Person Centred Approaches and involving users and carers in recruitment.	1&2	ESCC	
	b) Involve service users in delivering the County Councils Learning Disability	1&2	ASC and LDPB	

Implementation Plan	Awards Framework staff induction programme.		Workforce Sub Group	
	c) Work with Brighton University to develop and deliver specialist learning disability modules in the new post qualification framework for Social Workers	1&2	ASC and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
	d) Ensure community partners get the help, training and support they need to deliver their services effectively to people with learning disabilities	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
	e) Develop and deliver a programme of training around meeting the needs of older people with learning disabilities	2	ASC and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to make choices and have more control</b>				
<b>5. Commission services that are committed to service user involvement, Person Centred Approaches and Total Communication</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) 100 staff to undertake Person Centred Approaches to Planning and Reviewing course	1	ASC and LDPB PCA Sub Group	
	b) Develop and publish "Moving On" easy read guide to transition	1	LDPB Transition Sub Group	
	c) Develop three year Person Centred Approaches training plan	1&2	ASC and LDPB PCA Sub Group	
	d) Implement and evaluate Kick Start Communications project	1&2	LDPB	
	e) Invest Learning Disability Development Fund to support projects that promote Total Communication and Person Centred Approaches	1, 2 & 3	LDPB	
	f) Evaluate the Service User Involvement Project	2	LDPB	
	g) Develop systems to ensure future commissioning activities are informed by the outcomes of person centred planning.	2&3	ASC and LDPB PCA Sub Group	
<b>6. Develop advocacy services</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Develop effective partnership with the Sussex Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy Service	1	ASC	
	b) Stronger partnerships will be developed with mainstream providers of advocacy services	1, 2 & 3	LDPB	
<b>7. Develop approaches to independent living and self-directed support</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Implement Provider Direct Payments option	1	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
	b) Identify Direct Payment champions in learning disability services	1	Care Management and Commissioning	

	c) During 2007 the Easy Read Direct Payments Booklet will be revised and re-issued	1	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
	d) Develop a local approach to the individual budgets and independent living trusts for people with learning disabilities.	1&2	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
	e) Staff working in the Department of Adult Social Care to receive regular training opportunities and updated information and guidance to ensure they have the most up to-date knowledge about Direct Payments and other options for supporting independent living.	1, 2 & 3	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
	f) Implement Direct Payment Strategy	1, 2 & 3	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
<b>Better health for people with learning disabilities</b>				
<b>8. Address health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Ensure that practice and hospital information systems capture information on the health of people with learning disabilities	1	PCT	
	b) Review Sussex Partnership Trust Challenging Needs Service, the Supported Living Service and Outreach Service	1&2	PCT	
	c) Develop ways of capturing the experience of people with learning disabilities and their families using health services	1&2	PCT and LDPB Health Action Plans (HAP) Group	
	d) Support and train health staff to use their learning disability expertise to promote mainstream inclusion and awareness raising around learning disabilities	2&3	PCT and LDPB	
	e) Continue the development of Health Action Planning	1, 2 & 3	LDPB	
<b>9. Improve services for people with learning disabilities and mental health needs</b>				
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to be part of their community</b>				
<b>10. Move forward with the modernisation of day opportunities</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Implement national Concessionary Fares Scheme	1	ESCC	
	b) Work with colleagues in Children's services to ensure young people in transition and their families are have access to information about all day opportunities options available to them.	1&2	ASC, Children's Services and LDPB Transition Sub Group	
	c) Develop and seek sign up to the Day Opportunities Charter	1&2	ASC and LDPB Day Services Sub Group	
	d) Ensure developments in learning disability services plans are closely	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB Day	

	aligned with planning and commissioning of ESCC and NHS transport services		Services Sub Group	
	e) Work with local colleges and providers of vocational education and training to develop college provision and training as a route into work.	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB Day Services Sub Group	
	f) Continue to support and work with providers of Government work programmes	1, 2 & 3	ASC and LDPB Employment Sub Group	
	g) Re-commission the Carers Grant funded Saturday Club service.	2	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
	h) Review the outcomes of the Wealden Social Opportunities Project	2	LDPB Day Services Sub Group	
	i) Evaluate the ChoicES employment project	2&3	LDPB Employment Sub Group	
	j) Strengthen commissioning and procurement of day opportunities	2&3	ASC Commissioning and CPU	
<b>11. Support the development of a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector for people with learning disabilities</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work in partnership with all providers of transport services and local voluntary and community sector organisations, to make the most of resources in communities to meet the transport needs of people with learning disabilities	1,2 &3	LDPB	
<b>Supporting people with learning disabilities to maximise their independence and keep safe</b>				
<b>12. Increase the range and quality of housing and support options for people with learning disabilities</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Supported Accommodation Team to continue to assess and support private landlords and family placement carers to meet housing needs	1, 2 & 3	Supported Accommodation Team	
	b) Ensure supported housing services are monitored through the Supporting People Quality Assurance Framework	2	SP Strategic Housing Forum	
<b>13. Improve support to parents and carers</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Evaluate The Positive Action for Carer Empowerment Project and make recommendations made for the future support of older carers of people with learning disabilities	1	Carers Strategy Group	
	b) Increase investment in the Carers Support Grants	1&2	Carers Strategy Group	
	c) Commission training for carers	1	Carers Strategy Group	

	d) Review the Short Break Voucher scheme	1	Carers Strategy Group	
	e) Continue to jointly commission, with NHS partners, the Back Care Service from Care for the Carers	1, 2 & 3	Carers Strategy Group	
	f) Investigate the need for and viability of providing a counselling service and a befriending scheme for carers	1	Carers Strategy Group	
	g) Continue to work with the voluntary and community sector and other providers to support them to develop their services, promote good outcomes for carers and take advantage of external funding opportunities	1, 2 & 3	Carers Strategy Group and LDPB	
	h) Improve carer involvement and partnership working with carers and agencies representing their interests	1, 2 & 3	Carers Strategy Group and LDPB	
	i) Continue to promote direct payments to carers	1, 2 & 3	ASC Direct Payments Strategy Group	
<b>14. Develop services that support people with learning disabilities to keep safe</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Work with partners in transport, the police and advocacy services to develop travel and community safety training for people with learning disabilities, learning from and complimenting existing provision.	1, 2 & 3	ASC DPS and LDPB Day Services Sub Group	
	b) Continue to work with local Trading Standards Officers to protect adults with learning disabilities from exploitation.	1, 2 & 3	ASC DPS and LDPB Day Services Sub Group	
<b>15. Strengthen care management in learning disability services</b>				
Actions from Implementation Plan	a) Ensure that there is co-ordination between learning disability services, mental health services and older people's services so that people can access the services which are most appropriate to their needs.	1, 2 & 3	Green Light Project Group	
	b) Implement new Care Management Guidelines	2	ASC Care Management and Commissioning	
	c) Develop a joint Commissioning Strategy for Working Age Adults	2	ASC	
	d) Work with Children's Services to develop approaches to supporting parents who have a learning disability	2	ASC and Children's Services	
	e) Develop a programme of training for staff working with older people with learning disabilities	2	ASC and LDPB Workforce Sub Group	

**Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services– Action Plan Update**

**Sept 2007**

**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: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Best Value Review Project Board			Adult Social Care	
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<p><b>1. Person Centred Planning-</b> <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under <b>Objective 5</b> “Commission services that are committed to service user involvement, Person Centred Approaches and Total Communication”</i></p>				
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,</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.</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</i></p>

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	<p>particularly in the areas of:</p> <p>i. Transition for Children's Services 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>Progress with young people in transition and people living with older carers will be reported on 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>	<i>supporting young people in transition. Review of ESCC transition protocol also underway.</i>
<p><b>2. Employment-</b> <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under <b>Objective 10</b> "Move forward with the modernisation of day opportunities"</i></p>				
2	(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,	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</p>	<i>A number of recent developments are and will continue to support the development of employment opportunities for people with learning</i>

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	<p>by directly provided and independent services, in seeking training and employment 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>disabilities into appropriate education and training and employment, as detailed in the Employment Sub Group Action Plan.</p> <p>b) In 2006 the Department will lead and co-ordinate 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>disabilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Successful recruitment to LDDF Employment Advisor project. Project will be operational by December.</i></li> <li>- <i>European Social Fund Bridging the Divide Project, to improve links between colleges and work for people with disabilities. Delivery to begin 2007.</i></li> <li>- <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 currently undergoing externally commissioned training on modernisation day opportunities, delivered by national specialists, Paradigm.</i></li> <li>- <i>Learning Disability services involved in ESCC Personnel and Training project to improve employment opportunities within the Council for people with disabilities.</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>3. Planning for future need</b> - <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under Objectives 1 and 2 “Review all commissioning arrangements to ensure best outcomes for people with learning disabilities and best use of resources” and “As a % of total spend, reduce investment on residential care placements and increase investment in community based services”</i></p>				
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"> <li><i>- Churchill Court, Hastings (2 x 1 bed and 3 x 2 bed flats, Hastings, delivered)</i></li> <li><i>- Park Lane, Eastbourne (9 x 1 bed flats, April 2007), and PFI Extra Care</i></li> <li><i>- Awaiting outcome of PFI Extra Care Housing bid, that will provide 40 places for people with LD</i></li> </ul>

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<b>4. Direct Payments for people with learning disabilities-</b> <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under <b>Objective 6</b> "Continue to develop approaches to independent living and self-directed support"</i>				
4	(a) The Board recommend that Adult Social Care continue to expand and further promote the use of the direct payment scheme.	Progress report by September 2006	<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 Strategy Group.</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 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>
<b>5. Transport –</b> <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under <b>Objectives 10 and 11</b> "Move forward with the modernisation of day opportunities" and "Support the development of a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector for people with learning disabilities"</i>				
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</i></p>

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				<i>provide travel training to services users, to enable them to access the community more independently</i>
	<b>6. Funding-</b> <i>Please see the actions set out in the Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, specifically action points under <b>Objectives 1 and 2</b> “Review all commissioning arrangements to ensure best outcomes for people with learning disabilities and best use of resources” and “As a % of total spend, reduce investment on residential care placements and increase investment in community based services”</i>			
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	Accepted:  (a) A report detailing progress with the review of the Section 31 Pooled Budget arrangements, will be provided.	<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>