

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

Date: **13 September 2007**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Update on the Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services and the Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy**

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. consider and comment on the Department's work to implement the recommendations arising from the Best Value Review of Learning Disability Services, and
2. agree for this work to now be taken forward within the framework of the Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy and the implementation of its Three Year 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 2nd May 2006. This is the second update concerning progress with the Action Plan.

2.2 It is being recommended that, for the purpose of monitoring progress toward the Best Value Review recommendations, Scrutiny Committee refer in future to the Three Year Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy, agreed by Cabinet on 10th July 2007. The Commissioning Strategy and Action Plan provide an up to date position statement with respect to the key service areas identified by the Best Value Review Project Board, namely; Person Centred Approaches, Supported Employment, Funding and Planning for future need, Direct Payments and Transport. The Strategy and Action Plan also set out a comprehensive range of proposals to develop learning disability services and improve the lives of people with learning disabilities, their parents and carers over the next three years.

2.3 An executive summary of the Commissioning Strategy is attached at Appendix 1. Hard copies of this, as well as easy read versions, will be available at the

committee meeting. The Action Plan from the Strategy is attached as Appendix 2. The original Action Plan from the Learning Disability Best Value Review is attached for information at Appendix 3. All recommendations from this have been crossed referenced with the Strategy Action Plan.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The implementation of the Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy will be taken forward by the Department and NHS colleagues, together with the Learning Disability Partnership Board, and its sub groups. Regular reports on implementation will continue to be made to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

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Local Member(s): *[If report concerns specific areas of the County]*

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1. Best Value Review into the provision of services for adults with learning disabilities
2. Joint Commissioning Strategy for people with learning disabilities in East Sussex 2007 – 2010
3. Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy Action Plan Monitoring and Commentary