

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

Date: **13 September 2007**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Thornwood Intermediate Care Services**

Purpose of report: **To inform the Scrutiny Committee on progress in respect of arrangements for Thornwood Intermediate Care Services.**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Consider and comment on the progress to date in arrangements for Thornwood Intermediate Care Services (TICS)**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The Contractual Arrangements between Rother Homes and East Sussex County Council have come to an end to achieve closure of the services on the following dates: -

Thornwood Intermediate Care (Residential)	31 st August 2007
Thornwood Day Services	31 st August 2007

The County Council will pay a maximum payment of £578,000, which comprises the following elements.

- In respect of running costs for the Residential and Day Services for the 2007/08 financial year (1st April 2007 to 31st August 2007) up to £278,000 including the annual uplift.
- For all legally payable redundancy and pension augmentation costs associated with the closure up to a maximum of £300,000.

2. Background Information

2.1 TICS was established in February 2004 and commissioned through a Pooled Budget arrangement with Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust.

2.2 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care on 30th January 2007 and agreed to negotiate with Rother Homes and Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust to terminate the contractual arrangements for the provision of Intermediate Care Services.

2.3 Cabinet approved the investment in community based services and the opportunity to adjust the balance of provision from residential to community based services.

3. Current Position

3.1 In reviewing the current services, the Project Team have consulted widely taking into account views and comments as well as considering current and future care needs.

3.2 The closure of Thornwood Intermediate Care Services by Rother Homes was completed on 31st August 2007. The last residential service users left Thornwood Intermediate Care Services by the second week in August 2007 and this service element is now closed. These services had been used primarily to provide a rehabilitative service for hospital discharge and have now been re-provided in the Independent Sector as well as beds being utilised at the Irvine Unit. To date there has been no significant increase in delayed transfers of care at the Conquest Hospital.

3.3 Day Services at Thornwood closed on 31st August 2007. A part time project worker has been appointed to facilitate a smooth transfer of services from Thornwood to alternative services.

Almost all service users are transferring to alternative in-house day services at the following;

Isobel Blackman Centre
Moreton Day Centre
Pinehill
Charter Centre

In addition, there have been a small number of referrals to the Independent Sector where appropriate. Please see attached Appendix for details.

4. Conclusion

4.1 To note the progress to date of arrangements for TICS

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Local Member(s): All

Background documents: None

Appendix 1 - Thornwood Day Care – closing 31 August 2007

All service users at Thornwood Day Care have been reviewed and have been offered alternative services.

All service users eligible for day care from East Sussex County Council Adult Social Care have been accommodated in Directly Provided Services as summarised in Table 1. They have already started their attendance at the new centres.

Other Thornwood service users have had information given by the Reviewing staff and have been offered help and support in accessing new services.

Table 1. Service Users Eligible for an Adult Social Care Service - 37 people		
Service Users	Placement	Comments
30	Charter Centre	50% able to retain the same days attendance as Thornwood service
3	Moreton	A service user requested a slightly longer bus journey as she enjoyed the transport as much as day care and this was accommodated. The other two are now attending a Day service nearer their homes.
1	Isabel Blackman Centre	This service user is now attending a service nearer his home that is easier to access by his carer
2	Pinehill	Review enabled more appropriate and enhanced service
1	Beeching Park and Charter Centre	Combination suits individual's service needs and 5 day requirement

Table 2. Service Users not eligible for a service provided by Adult Social Care – 5 people		
Service Users	Signposted to	Comments
2	Voluntary Day Services	List of day services given – both want to make own arrangements. Able to travel independently on public transport.
1	Voluntary work in the St Michael's Hospice shop and voluntary day care locally	Has successfully completed induction at the charity shop
2	Voluntary Day Services	List of day services given – places have been offered