

## **CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**Report By: Directorate Services Officer (Health)**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To note early plans to change the management of mental health services, and to change the way community mental health teams work.

### **Financial implications**

2. None identified.

### **Background**

3. At a meeting on 6 July 2007 between Mark Hemming (Directorate Manager, Herefordshire Mental Health Services), Euan McPherson (Involving People Manager, Herefordshire PCT) Councillor K Swinburne and Sara Siloko, Directorate Services Officer (Health), information was received about a proposal to change the management of mental health service delivery, and plans to change the way community mental health teams work.
4. Discussion focused on how the changes would solve the challenges of moving towards a more flexible and 'joined-up' service where not only buildings accommodated this, but staff and clients were discouraged from institutionalisation and made better use of preventive, rehabilitative and home-based services. There would also be more equitable distribution of varied skills around the county.
5. Consultation on the proposal closed on 24 August 2007. A copy of the consultation document is appended. It is proposed to report to the Committee on the outcome at its next meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the proposal be noted and Herefordshire Mental Health Services be asked to present the results of the consultation for discussion by the Committee at its next meeting.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 'Future of Herefordshire Mental Health Services – Final Consultation Briefing Paper July 2007' (Mental Health Management Team)