

## RECONFIGURATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Report By: Directorate Services Officer (Health)

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

1. To note early plans to change two aspects of mental health services provided by Herefordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT).

### Financial implications

2. None identified.

### Background

3. At a meeting on 19 June 2007 between Paul Ryan (Head of Commissioning, Herefordshire PCT) Diane Topham (Mental Health Commissioner, Herefordshire PCT) Councillor Kay Swinburne and Sara Siloko, Directorate Services Officer (Health) information was received about a proposal to reconfigure mental health services:
  - A The Shires – the PCT is proposing to tender for a new provider of this service which provides long term accommodation for younger people with enduring mental health issues. The existing 3-storey building is considered unfit for purpose. Also, increased capacity is needed to accommodate 12 patients who currently have to live outside Herefordshire. Patients and carers are fully involved in developing this work and the PCT is currently drafting a service specification for the tender with their help.
  - B Mental health rehabilitation service – the PCT has engaged the services of an independent consultant (Professor Shepherd) to review this service. His report will be published in September. Following the review, there is a strong possibility that the PCT will look to market test this service.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the proposals be noted and the PCT asked to provide further reports when proposals are far enough advanced for the Committee to comment on.**

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
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