

## **JOINT COMMISSIONING PLAN FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS 2007-11**

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### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To consider the current status of the Joint Commissioning Plan for people with Mental Health problems and future reviewing process.

### **Financial Implications**

2. To be determined.

### **Background**

3. The Joint Commissioning Plan (attached) covers the integrated mental health services for adults and older people covered by a Section 75 (Health Act) Agreement. It was approved by the Adult Commissioning Board at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007.
4. Since the plan was signed off considerable progress has been made in adult services to establish community based rehabilitation and recovery services. The older people's service has also developed specialist intermediate care and domiciliary care services.
5. The Adult Commissioning Board has responsibility for monitoring all integrated services covered by Section 75 agreements and has received regular performance, highlight, exception and finance reports to monitor both adult and older people's services. This will continue.
6. Later in 2007, the Council and PCT collaborated on updating the needs analysis for adult services and visited exemplar services to help in future service modelling. Similar work is currently underway for older people's services, linked to the current review of services provided by the Primary Care Trust.
7. The Commissioning Plan will be reviewed to take account of national and local policy changes and the intelligence gathered from the needs analysis. National and regional policy is to involve "stakeholders" closely in planning and commissioning and the Herefordshire process is designed to ensure this. New Mental Health Partnership Boards are being set up to provide a wide forum for the review of commissioning intentions, priorities and targets.

8. There is parallel work on mental health finances beginning with a zero-based budgeting exercise this year. The intention is to align the budgets with commissioning intentions of the revised commissioning plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Committee notes the status of the Joint Commissioning Plan and the processes for its review.**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Joint Commissioning Plan for People with Mental Health Problems 2007 -11