

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE JOINT REVIEW ACTION PLAN- JULY 2003 AND THE DIRECTORATE SERVICE PLAN 2003-04

Report By: Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To advise the Committee on the progress being made on priorities this year and to give opportunity for comment on the detail of the improvement achieved.

Financial Implications

2. The financial impact of the action plan is outlined in the text.

Joint Review Action Plan

3. This Plan as agreed as a draft by Cabinet on 10th July, 2003 and amended following further consultation and discussion with local partners and the Lead Reviewer, Social Services Inspectorate Business Link Inspector and District Audit. A copy is attached.
4. An update on the timetable means that :-
 - The Child Concern Model action is on target.
 - Hillside Intermediate Care Centre is open.
 - Transfer of residential homes to SHAW is on target.
 - The integrated service model for children with disabilities is agreed.
 - The mental health integrated service action is completed.
 - The Older People Business Case - the report is on this Scrutiny Committee agenda and goes to Cabinet on 29th January, 2004.
 - The IT improvements are delayed but still progressing.

Directorate Service Plan

5. This is a performance management document which outlines the Directorate's direction and priorities. A copy is attached. This format will be reshaped for 2004-05 onwards as part of the Council's revised performance management framework.
6. The Service Priorities are being progressed as can be seen by the Joint Review Action Plan.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Sue Fiennes, Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing on 01432 260048

7. The strategic priorities locally and the national agenda for older people take the Directorate beyond 2004, so there is a longer period in which to achieve some of the targets.
8. The current position on Older People's Services is outlined in a separate report on this agenda.
9. The strategic housing function has been established.
10. The pooled budgets for the integration services are now on a more solid foundation.
11. The Directorate is managing the money better.
12. The response to the Green Paper/Every Child Matters requires wider consideration following legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee note the progress on both plans.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None