

REVIEW OF HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND REVIEW OF ACCOMMODATION, HOUSING & HOUSING-RELATED SUPPORT NEEDS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING SEVERE & ENDURING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Report By: Social Care & Housing Scrutiny Review Groups

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider the findings of the Scrutiny Review Groups following the review of Home Support Services for Older People and the review of Accommodation, Housing and Housing-related Support Needs of People Experiencing Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems.

Financial Implications

2. To be considered as part of the implementation of the review recommendations, if approved by the Cabinet Member (Social Care and Strategic Housing).

Background

3. In January 2004 this Committee appointed task groups to cover the service areas of Older People, Children and Mental Health. It was agreed in April that investigations should take place into the provision of home care and supported housing for people with mental health problems. In June 2004 the Committee considered an exploratory programme for in-depth investigations and detailed scoping statements for the two reviews were considered and approved in October 2004.
4. The programme of reviews comprised a series of presentations and discussion sessions with key officers and stakeholders, with opportunities for work shadowing utilised within the review of home support for older people.
5. The aim of the reviews was to advise the Cabinet Member for Social Care & Strategic Housing on the issues noted during the reviews and to provide recommendations for the development of these services.
6. The review of Home Support Services for Older People and the review of Accommodation, Housing and Housing-related Support Needs of People Experiencing Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems are appended.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT (a) the Committee considers the review of Home Support Services for Older People and determines whether it wishes to agree the recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member (Social Care & Strategic Housing);

and

(b) the Committee considers the review of Accommodation, Housing and Housing-related Support Needs of People Experiencing Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems and determines whether it wishes to agree the recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member (Social Care & Strategic Housing).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

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