

Joint Health and Care Commissioning Group (JCG)**Report By: Jean Howard, Programme Manager, IMPACT****PURPOSE**

This paper highlights the issues dealt with by the Health and Care Joint Commissioning Group and gives details about where members of the Partnership can seek additional information on the items discussed and agreed.

The Joint Commissioning Group held on 15th December 2005 addressed the following:

1. INFORMATION ITEMS**a. Alliance**

A Code of Good Practice to support the Compact had now been launched. A small implementation team will be formed shortly to oversee a training programme and continue to take forward the work of the Compact.

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b. South Wye

It was noted that proposals for continuing the work in South Wye, from April onwards when the current funding and arrangement come to an end, was underway.

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c. Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA 2)

The group was advised that it was still not possible to move forward with the projects to develop new services as part of LPSA 2 as the Council had not agreed the amount of money available for each target. It was noted that eight months of the first year have elapsed which will make it more difficult to achieve the stretch targets. Assuming the pilots can be set up by April, this will effectively mean they will only run for two years instead of three.

Cabinet made the final funding allocations two days after the JCG met but the amount allocated to each target is less than had been requested and on which the stretch was calculated. Clearly this is going to present a further challenge.

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d. Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The group was further advised on progress of the LAA and in particular the Healthy Communities and Older Peoples block. There was still considerable work to be done at the time of the JCG meeting, in particular around the Single Pot and the limited time available to officers involved in the LAA from all organizations. The latter was being brought to the attention of senior officers, by the LAA lead officer.

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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE GROUP

1. The role of the Joint Commissioning Group was discussed and Stephanie had spoken to Sue Fiennes prior to the meeting. The decision was taken that the group would now only deal with planning and commissioning for adult and older people, with children's services planning and commissioning, being done by the Children and Young Peoples Board. It was felt important that thought was given to where both these groups report and that how the two agenda's remain connected.

2. A paper was tabled on the future of the Small Schemes element of the Partnership Fund following consultation with organisations that had participated in the scheme or had applied in the past. The following agreed:

- The fund should continue
- It would remain at £50,000 but inflation would be added annually
- Individual allocations would now be between £5,000 and £10,000
- Allocations would be used to fund projects that met strategic priorities or demonstrated innovation. They would *not* be used to fund capacity building
- A set of criteria would be produced to bring clarity
- Officers were mandated to explore the option of outsourcing the administration of the fund to a third sector organisation. It was recognized there would be a cost to this, which must be kept to a minimum. However, the arrangement would release officer time

3. A discussion took place about the Stroke Service consultation process currently taking place and the need to ensure people on the JCG were involved. It was agreed the proposals should be considered by the Older Peoples Board and recommendations made to the JCG. The IMPACT officer (Older People) has now been asked to speak to the officer leading on the Stroke review and ensure this happens.