

Title of Report:	Commissioning Strategy for Mental Health Services	Item 10
Report to be considered by:	Executive	
Forward Plan Ref:	EX 0647	

Corporate Plan Priority:	S2 - Tackling all forms of social exclusion across the district S3 - Promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities
<p>The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Corporate Plan priority by: Ensuring that future service provision responds effectively to local need and policy guidance, and provides cost efficiency in terms of use of resources and positive outcomes for service users.</p>	

Purpose of Report:	To seek approval for the commissioning strategy for mental health services for 2004-2007.
Recommended Action:	To approve the commissioning strategy for mental health services for 2004-2007.
Reason for decision to be taken:	To provide a clear direction for service commissioning and development in line with corporate priorities.
List of other options considered:	The Commissioning Strategy is a required document to fulfil the purposes and priorities described above. The content of the strategy is based on existing national and local priorities.
Key background documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Care and Housing Directorate Plan • National Service Framework for Mental Health

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Implications

Financial:

The strategy reports budget levels for 03/04 pending completion of 05/06 budget build

Property:

The relocation of the mental health service base is included within the strategy. This project is being led by Berkshire Healthcare Trust, through a joint Project Board structure.

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Mental Health Local Implementation Team (LIT) is the key group for the development and monitoring strategies for people with mental health problems and their carers. This group will oversee the implementation of the Commissioning Strategy, and will be instrumental in influencing planned amendments which will be required as more, improved information about needs becomes available. The LIT is responsible for the implementation of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Mental Health, and through its individual members and sub groups, has been instrumental in the development of services and working to standards outlined in the NSF. This work provides a firm foundation for the Commissioning Strategy.
- 1.2 The Commissioning Strategy also draws on a review and analysis of the present trends in terms of:
- Legislation
 - Needs, supply and resource allocation
 - Organisational arrangements for commissioning
- 1.3 The development of a shared vision for the support and delivery of services to people with a learning disability, and identification of the principles that will underpin the objectives and plans for commissioning current and potential services.
- 1.4 An analysis of the difference between current service commissioning and the commissioning required to achieve the desired outcomes for service users. This provides the foundation for the commissioning objectives and plans with measurable outcomes for services
- 1.5 Checking that the organisational arrangements are in place to deliver the commissioning objectives and plans, and are capable of effective monitoring and feedback for future planning

2. The Commissioning Strategy Document

- 2.1 There are three elements of the document, with different levels of detail:
The main document pages 4-42
Executive summary pages 43-47
Appendices – “1”, “2” and “3”
- 2.2 The commissioning strategy covers a 3 year period (2004-2007), and will be reviewed annually. Updates will be issued as short documents, in newsletters and briefings for the LIT.
- 2.3 The Commissioning Strategy should be seen as a working document, to guide and support future work. It aims to provide specific targets, measurable outcomes and dates for achievement, based on analysis of available information about needs and local and national policy.
- 2.4 The Commissioning Strategy also contains targets designed to improve the Commissioning process itself. This is in recognition of the need to improve information about needs, use of contracting and care management processes and managing the market effectively to improve both the range and quality of service provision

Appendices

Appendix 10 – Commissioning Strategy For People With Mental Health Problems 2004 – 2007. *(due to the size of this document a copy can be obtained on request from Anne Hunter (01635 519241) and a copy will be held in the Members' Room)*

Consultation Responses

- Local Stakeholders:** The Local Implementation Team has been the key group responsible for the development of the plans contained within the Commissioning Strategy for Mental Health. This group includes service user and carer representatives, Senior Officers and managers from Health and Social Care, Older People's and CAMH services, as well as representatives of other voluntary and public sector organisations e.g. Newbury College and Resource.
- Officers Consulted:** Margaret Goldie, Corporate Director, Community Care and Housing
Jan Evans, Head of Older People's Services
Teresa Bell, Head of Quality, Policy and Partnerships
- Trade Union:** N/A