ACTION PLANS 2004-07 (updated February 2005)

Key Theme: Promoting Independence and caring for vulnerable older people (Strategic Priority 1)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
More vulnerable older people can be supported to be able to stay in their own homes.	1. Promoting Independence 1.1 INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED TO LIVE AT HOME	Ongoing		Jan Evans
In partnership with the Primary care Trusts and the Strategic Health Authority to develop and implement a whole system approach to commissioning and provisioning of Older	(for progress see section 'promoting independence for older people' in Directorate Plan)			
Persons services. Service extend to meet needs of Older People with dementia.	- Extension of intermediate Care Services to support Older People with mental health difficulties	Complete		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Service provision	-Review of day care opportunities for	March 2005		Jan Evans (lead officer)

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extended to meet needs of increasing vulnerable older people.	specialist support			
Support to Carers Commissioning plans confirmed with regard to institutional care.	-Enhance respite opportunities -Review commissioning strategy for long term care placements	March 05 March 05		Jan Evans (lead officer) Jan Evans (lead officer)
Increase choice.	- Develop extra care supported housing for elderly frail and EMH	Nov 04		Jan Evans (lead officer)
	Provide information on pensioner tax credit and allied benefits with Council Tax letter	March 04		Sean Anderson
	1.2 INCREASE INTENSIVE HOME CARE	March 06		
Ensure high quality and responsive service.	- Review of home care services	March 05		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Meeting needs of vulnerable older people with complex needs.	- Growth of specialist domiciliary care; EMH, enhanced care, reablement	March 05 ongoing		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Support more people at home.	- Increase resources to domiciliary care	Sept 04		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Provide reliable and responsive service.	- Implementation of Homecare IT system	March 05		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Provide reliable and	- Enhance out of hours WBC home	Dec 04		Su Pascoe (lead officer)

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responsive service.	care		·	
Cost effective and appropriate commissioning	- Develop effective mechanisms for budget and performance management	ongoing		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
	1.3 REDUCE DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE	Mar-06		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Streamline hospital discharge.	- Implement and monitor joint reimbursement protocol	Implemented Aug 04 and monitoring ongoing		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Prevent inappropriate admission.	- Enhance Homecare capacity by planned recruitment	Ongoing		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Prevent inappropriate admission.	- Enhance Crisis response Service to avoid inappropriate admissions	Sept 04		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Streamline hospital discharge	- Develop opportunities with PCT Continuing Care Team to expediate discharges	Ongoing		Jan Evans
	2. Prevention of Dependency			
	2.1 DEVELOP SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OLDER PEOPLE			
Increase choice	- Increase numbers of older People with Direct Payments	March 05 (see Directorate Plan for progress)		Jan Evans (lead officer)

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Carers supported to continuing caring.	- Increase respite and support to Carers	March 05		Alison Love (lead officer)
Carers supported to continuing caring.	- Develop 24/7 crisis support for Carers	March 05		Alison Love (lead officer)
Increase range of services.	- Develop opportunities for lower levels of day service support with the voluntary sector	Ongoing		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Proactive engagement with vulnerable older people to prevent increased dependency.	- Develop existing model of early intervention with Primary Health Care teams	March 05		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Quality service meeting performance targets.	- Establish and monitor the pooled budget for the joint Berkshire Community Equipment Service	Established and monitoring ongoing		Alison Love (lead officer)
	3. Partnership Working 3.1 DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT SYSTEM OF CAPACITY PLANNING			Jan Evans (lead officer)
Planning integrated provision to streamline services to avoid duplication.	- Joint work re future needs analysis and mapping of services	Mar-05		van Evans (lead of ficel)
	- Development of a joint	Dec 04		

OUTCOME	ACTION commissioning strategy	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
Joint agreement on how grant can benefit whole system.	- Joint Investment Plans for grants; Access and Capacity, Reimbursement	Aug 04		Jan Evans (lead officer)
Shared targets to support integrated agenda.	- Joint objectives to support Performance Improvement Targets	March 05		Jan Evans
Integrate service commissioning and provision	- Maximising opportunities for pooled budgets	Ongoing		Jan Evans
	3.2 INCREASE ICS (INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICES)			
Streamline discharge process.	- Develop whole system approach to discharge planning from the point of admission	Sept 04		Jan Evans
Flexible and appropriate service developed.	- Maximising opportunities for pooled budgets	Ongoing		Jan Evans
Appropriate and timely response for all referrers.	- Develop Single Point of Access for ICS	Dec 04		Su Pascoe

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6 to 13 rehab beds, day reablement.	Expansion of ICS to increase capacity	Mar 05		Su Pascoe
Single Point of Access.	- Raise profile of ICS across health and social care economy	Dec 04		Su Pascoe
Improved patient flow through care pathway.	- Investment in wider community services to support ICS within the whole system	Dec 04		Su Pascoe
Dedicated and skilled service provision.	- Enhance numbers of reablement assistants	March 06		Su Pascoe
	4. Protection for the most Vulnerable			
Appropriate and more timely response to Crisis.	- Extend access hours to Crisis Response service	Mar-06		Su Pascoe (lead officer)
Support to Carers.	- Provide 24/7 crisis support for Carers	Dec 04		Alison Love (lead officer)
Skilled staff with clear guidelines.	- Review Adult Protection procedures	Sept 04		Teresa Bell (lead officer)
Proactive identification to prevent inappropriate admissions and increased	- Identification of the most vulnerable through alignment of care managers with Primary	Dec 04		Patrick Leavey (lead officer)

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dependency.	Health Care teams			
Enable informed choice.	- Promoting a risk management culture within care management practice	Ongoing		Patrick Leavy (lead officer)
	5. Performance Improvement			
Users and carers involved in service development and	- Extend user involvement in service planning and review	Ongoing		Teresa Bell (lead officer)
review.				
Streamline systems.	- Revise care management procedures	March 05		Patrick Leavey
Staff personal development objectives meet business requirements.	- Revise staff appraisal systems	March 05		Teresa Bell
High quality service provision	- Undertake regular practice audits	Ongoing		Teresa Bell
Appropriate skills mix.	- Develop workforce planning strategy	Ongoing		Teresa Bell

Key Theme: Increasing the provision of homes that are affordable for those on low incomes (Strategic Priority 6)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
Clear policy and action plan for future housing services development. Housing Strategy will also ensure Council's housing policies are in line with ODPM's 'fit for purpose' requirements.	 1. Housing Strategy - Draft in sections - Discuss with Sovereign / GOSE - Devise Action Plans - Formal consultation - Management Board 	Jan-Mar'04 Jan and Feb 04 March 04 Oct - Nov 04 April 05		Mel Brain (Lead Officer)
Give West Berkshire Council a professional lead on housing strategy	2. Appoint Housing Strategy Manager (Mel Brain) - Agree grading to Job Evaluation Panel / Advertise - Appoint to post	Jan-04 Feb- March 04 May 04		Bev Searle

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
Identify local needs to inform strategy and action plans.	3. Update Housing Needs Survey - Proposal re. Housing Needs survey update	Dec 05 March 05		Mel Brain
To increase provision of affordable housing	4. Housing Enabling - Appoint Housing Enabling Officer	Nov 04 (due to commence employment Feb 05)		Mel Brain (Lead)
	- Agree process for securing Section 106 contributions with Members	Nov 05 (revised SPG implemented)		Tim Slaney / Colin Chapman (Planning Dept)
	- Redefine process to be used in negotiations with developers	Jan 05		
	- Link to special needs/ Supporting People requirements	Ongoing		Karen Felgate (Enabling Officer)
	5. Reconvene Affordable Housing Task Group			
	 review affordable housing policy link to development of SPG consider future funding of affordable housing report back to CCH Select Committee and Executive 	May 04 - Jan 05 Aug 04 (implement Nov04) March 05		Mel Brain / Bev Searle

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Mechanism for defining key workers locally and identifying housing solutions for key workers	7. Key worker housing strategy - Link to model being developed in Reading - Attend GOSE meeting - Incorporate in Housing Strategy	ongoing April 05		Bev Searle / Mel Brain
	8. Homelessness Strategy - Action Plan implementation - Core group and four sub groups set up to oversee implementation and drive forward	Feb 04		Amanda Castellino
	- Links made to Housing Strategy and Housing Needs survey	April 05		Mel Brain
Ensuring an efficient and accessible housing waiting list	9. Common Housing register - Project Plan to be drawn up and implemented.	September 04		Bev Searle and Stephanie Wardle
Increase choice and allocation of affordable housing.	10. Choice-based lettings policyConsider IT options and structurePolicy decision	ongoing By Dec 05		Bev Searle and Stephanie Wardle
Ensure provision of temporary accommodation as required and that it meets a decent standard	11. Temporary Accommodation - survey need for refurbishment - refurbish accommodation	Dec O4 April O5 - March O8		Bev Searle and Stephanie Wardle

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	12. Review of Disabled Facilities Grants - Set up Project Group and review existing process and make recommendations for future process and finance	Completed by Aug 04		Bev Searle
Comply with Regulatory Reform Order (2002)	13. Review of Housing Renovation Grants -Identify current level of resource and need	April 05		Mel Brain
	- Agree required changes with Corporate Director	May 04		
Effective use of skills and potential funding	14. Review of Partnership Arrangements with RSLs - Link to Housing Strategy - Develop proposals for selection - Undertake selection	D. Das OF		Mel Brain / Karen Felgate
Ensure tenants receive high standard of service from landlords.	 Executive 15. Policy development work with RSLs Probationary tenancies Anti-social behaviour policies Nomination issues 	By Dec 05 Ongoing		Bev Searle, Stephanie Wardle, Mel Brain

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	- support for vulnerable people			
	16. Increase availability of special needs housing to meet the needs of older people, those with disabilities, and those with mental health problems	ongoing		Jan Evans, Bev Searle
	- Quantify need through commissioning strategies for the relevant community care user groups	Completed by Dec 04		Planning team
	17. Increase the level of support to vulnerable tenants, particularly in respect of benefit claims			
	- appoint tenancy support worker to increase support to vulnerable people in temporary accommodation.	By Nov 04		Bev Searle/Ian Gilders
	- monitor any problems with Housing Benefit applications regularly, and agree action to resolve	Ongoing		Bev Searle, Sean Anderson

Key Theme: Promoting Independence and providing appropriate support for people with a learning disability (Strategic Priority 2)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
More people with a learning disability are supported to live in their own homes.	To increase opportunities for independent living for people with learning disabilities:			Helen Jermy (Lead Officer)
own nomes.	- Work with RSL's to develop user friendly tenancies	March 2006		
	- Increase numbers of people with a learning disability receiving Direct Payments	Ongoing		
	- Work with Housing enabling team to secure new tenancies on new housing development	Ongoing		

OUTCOME People with a learning disability have access to	ACTION 2. To introduce the new model of day support reflecting person	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
greater choice and opportunities for a range of activities.	centred planning and facilitating increased choice & opportunities			
of activities.	- Develop and consult on strategy, I.e. new resource centre	March 2004		John Lynch (Lead Officer)
	Develop new resource centre building Further Development of Employment opportunities	Due to complete by Sept 06 ongoing		Teresa Bell/Bev Searle (Lead Officers) John Lynch (Lead Officer)
People with a learning	3. To increase range and access	March 2006		John Lynch (Lead Officer)
disability are enabled to participate more actively in planning services	to advocacy services, to encourage participation and involvement in planning of services			
	-Development of self advocacy - Development of independent advocacy service - Identify funding requirement			Helen Jermy (Lead Officer)
	4. Re-establish the Learning Disability Partnership Board	July 2004		Helen Jermy (Locality Manager Learning Disability) Margaret Quinn
	5. Ensure timely completion of strategies required by the implementation of the Valuing People White Paper.	December 2004		Helen Jermy (Locality Manager Learning Disability) Margaret Quinn
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	 Housing Strategy Day Opportunities Strategy Quality Strategy Workforce Strategy Health Action Plans Strategy 		, in the second	Manager)
	6. Implement CTPLD development programme, outlined in "The Seeds of Change" document - Clarification of team vision and values - Review and redrafting of Job descriptions where required - Review of team staffing structure	October 2004		Bev Searle (Head of CC & H) Helen Jermy (Locality Manager Learning Disabilities) HR Team
	7. Develop a Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy	October 2004		Bev Searle (Head of CC & H)
Increase independent living	8. Increase uptake of Independent Living Fund	December 2004		Bev Searle/Helen Jermy/ John Lynch

Key Theme: Promoting Independence and providing support for people with a physical disability (Strategic Priority 2)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
More people with a physical disability are supported to be able to live in their own homes	1. To increase the number of people with physical disabilities to live at home, and promote independence.	Ongoing		Jan Evans(Head of Older Peoples Services)
	- Continue to explore and develop range of respite services available	March 05		Jan Evans
	- Continue expansion of drop in services in partnership with Voluntary agencies	March 06		
. Increase take up of direct payments by people with physical	- Continue to promote the take up of direct payments	March 06		Alison Love
disabilities.	- Monitor the independent DP support service	Ongoing from Sept 04		
	Review Care Management and Day Services, ensuring effective use of both resources	Dec 04		Alison Love
	Implement new PD service	From April 05		Patrick Leavey

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
More people with physical disabilities accessing a range of work	2. To increase employment opportunities and implement Welfare to Work Actions	March 2005		Alison Love (Lead Officer)
opportunities	 (Pathways to Employment) Promote supported employment opportunities within the Council. 	Oct 05		P2£ / Amey West Berkshire
	- Further development of supported employment	Ongoing		Jayne Mills
Services across the district are equally	opportunities via P2E 3. Ensure equality of access to services and opportunities across the district.			Bev Searle (Head of Community Care & Housing)
accessible	- Review the role of Greenfield House	April 05		Bev Searle
	- Review and develop opportunities for access in rural areas	Oct 05		David Tait (Day Centre Manager)
ILF update increased	4. Increase uptake of ILF to support independent living	From April 05		Bev Searle/David Tait

Key Theme: Promoting Independence and providing support for people with mental health needs (Strategic Priority 2)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
People with mental health needs receive appropriate and timely response	Review Assertive Outreach Service after first year's operation	Jan-05 Mar-05		Jean Hodgson (Community Service Manager)
	2. Facilitate further development of crisis services			Bev Searle (Lead Officer)
	- Review residential purchases to facilitate crisis accommodation	Jun-04 Complete		Ian Mundy (Locality Manager) Jean Hodgson
	- Develop local alternatives to hospital admission	2004/05 In progress		
	- Review day service provision	Jul-04 Stage one Complete		Pam Bonding (Day Centre Manager)
	3. To create a new mental health resource centre	Sep-05		Bev Searle (Lead Officer)) Andrew Newland
	- Capital program	Complete		
	4. Facilitate development of voluntary sector services			Ian Mundy / Jean Hodgson

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
	- Develop "Community Café" in	Jun-04		
	partnership with Resource	Complete		
	- Explore further opportunities for development in rural areas	Ongoing		
	5. Review local implementation of	Oct-04		Ian Mundy
	CPA to ensure NSF targets are	Stage one		
	verifiably achieved	complete		
	6. Develop Action Plans to ensure	Apr-04		Bev Searle (Lead Officer)
	key NSF targets are verifiably achieved	Complete		
	WorkforceCommissioningTransition/ Interface issues			
	7. Develop performance monitoring	Jun-04		Bev Searle (Lead Officer)
	framework, encompassing	Initial work		Teresa Bell (Head of Quality,
	requirements of West Berkshire	complete		Performance and
	Council, PCTs and Berkshire Healthcare Trust			Partnerships)
	8. Develop a Mental Health	Dec 04		
	Commissioning Strategy	Complete		

Key Theme: Social Inclusion

(Strategic Priority 2, refer to Corporate Equalities Plan for further details)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
Our services are inclusive and that all people who are frail or vulnerable feel able to access them regardless	To work with Council partners and the Directors of Public Health to undertake a Community Needs Analysis of West Berkshire.	Jan 05		Teresa Bell
of ethnic origin; religious belief; or sexual orientation.	To undertake an equality audit of our services to assess what we are doing and identify areas for improvement.	March 05		Quality Performance and Partnerships
	To work with the Directors of Public Health to ensure that socially excluded and hard to reach groups have access to the same health services and screening facilities as the rest of the community.	Ongoing		SMT/DPHs
	To work with the Pathways of Employment partnership to ensure everyone has access to work, through a range of information, training and supported employment opportunities.	Ongoing	£18k - Social Inclusion budget	P2E Steering Group/LSP
	To implement our day opportunities	See 'Promoting		

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
	strategy, to ensure that users of our services access mainstream and community facilities whenever possible.	Independence' Actions		
All users and carers can participate in all aspects of planning, delivery and quality monitoring of our services.	To develop a comprehensive user/carer involvement strategy which is monitored to ensure strategy which is monitored to ensure good practice across services.	Oc† 04		Quality Performance and Partnerships/SMT
	In liaison with the Corporate Equalities Group, to establish a forum with representatives from black and ethnic minority groups for consultation and communication.	Oc† 04		Quality Performance and Partnerships/SMT

Key Theme: Performance Improvement and Ensuring Quality Services

(Organisational Development Priority 1)

(Organisational Development Priority 3)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
Services are timely, focussed, responsive, effective, offer a high standard of customer care and are equally accessible to all who need them.	To develop our Quality Assurance Framework to reflect our increased partnership working with Health.	Oct 04		Newbury & Community Primary Care Trust (PCT)/SMT/Quality Performance & Partnership (QPP)
	 To develop and implement the over- arching elements of practice within the everyday work of social care staff. 	Jan 05		SMT/QPP
	To specify, procure and implement a new client IT system for Community Care.	April 2005 (contract agreed)	Capital Programme	IT Programme Board/QPP/Amey West Berkshire
	 To develop a comprehensive user/care involvement and participation strategy. 	Oct 04		QPP/SMT

Key Theme: Supporting staff to develop skills and competencies to manage change.

(Organisational Development Priority 1)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
A workforce which can effectively deliver on local and national priorities.	To work with HR and our partners to develop a workforce planning and development strategy which will improve recruitment and retention of staff.	Ongoing		SMT/Amey West Berkshire (HR)
A workforce who are equipped to work with and manage change.	 To support service modernisation objectives with a bespoke training and development programme for staff and managers. 	Ongoing	DoH Grants	SMT/QPP

Key Theme: Building Capacity through working in Effective Partnerships.

(Organisational Development Priority 2)

OUTCOME	ACTION	TIMESCALE	RESOURCES (Existing budgets if not stated)	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER/GROUP
High quality, well co- ordinated and best value services for users and carers.	To further develop and integrate working with Newbury and Community Primary Care Trust (PCT) to ensure seamless service delivery.	Ongoing		SMT/PCT
	To work alongside our users to define the social care services the Council should provide and identify how these might be delivered.	Ongoing		SMT
	To work with the Amey West Berkshire partnership to identify and implement the infrastructure needed to deliver improved user- focussed services.	March 05		SMT/Amey West Berkshire
	To develop more joint commissioning arrangements with both Newbury and Community PCT and Reading PCT to ensure users can access services more easily.	Ongoing		SMT / PCTs