

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

The Health Improvement Programme (HImP) for the Buckinghamshire has been driven within the two areas; Vale of Aylesbury and South Buckinghamshire. Both areas have now produced their HImP for 2001/2002 that reflect the way that the areas have been able to identify and develop local priorities and describe how the organisations within the area will implement national priorities. This paper outlines the emerging guidance and timetable.

2. NATIONAL CONTEXT

The overall Strategic Planning process for health appears to be shifting. It is increasingly clear that the driving force for the development of the HImP in the coming year will be the Local Modernisation Reviews that the Health Authority will be leading over the summer period. The Local Modernisation Reviews will assist the service to bench mark against the targets that the NHS is held to account (including those that involve partners). Further guidance as to the detail of the process is expected after the General Election.

The overall HImP is now considered to consist of the following elements:

- HI = Health Improvement
- M = Modernisation
- P = Overall strategic planning process

It is anticipated that the overall timing for this process will be its completion for the end of November. This will enable the whole HImP will then move through the SaFF process.

3. TIMETABLE

The following outlines the anticipated key milestones:

Month (2001)	Action
May	Planning
June	Further Guidance available. Assessment of Capacity and Capability undertaken.
July	Assessment of Capacity and Capability concluded. Review of process. Identification of priorities.
August	Detailed planning with local teams. Review of ongoing process. Development of Local action plans
September	Detailed planning with local teams.

	Review of ongoing process. Development of Local action plans
October	Detailed planning with local teams. Review of ongoing process. Development of Local action plans
November	Detailed planning with local teams. Review of ongoing process. Development of Local action plans Process concluded – HImP produced.
December	Outcome feeds into the SaFF process

The above timetable is subject to change pending overall guidance that may be available.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is requested to:

- a) Note the contents of this report.
- b) Accept further reports on the planning process and HImP development through out the process.

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