

Community Care Plan 2001-2004

To: The Partnership Forum

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A PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present the draft of the Community Care Plan 2001-2004

B PROPOSED ACTION

2. To **NOTE** the draft of the 20001-2004 Community Care Plan.
3. To **COMMENT** on the draft

C RESOURCES APPRAISAL

4. Costs attached to the printing and circulation of the draft

D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Current National Guidance

5. The Community Care Plan is a statutory plan which local authorities prepare in partnership with health services, district councils and people in the local community.
6. Last year the Department of Health Guidance on Joint Investment Plans gave Local Authorities the option of subsuming the Community Care Plan into the HimP stating that "The statutory requirement to produce Community Care Plans remains. However, Local and Health Authorities are free to choose whether to produce a Community Care Plan as a stand alone document, or demonstrate that the statutory requirement has been met within their JIP/HimP process"
7. However, last year user and carers said that whilst they were confused about the amount of consultation taking place, they felt that the Community Care Plan was the only local document that gave an overall picture of current joint work by the statutory agencies in Buckinghamshire. In November of last Social Services' SMG, taking into consideration the views of users and carers, agreed to the publication of the Community Care Plan as a stand alone document.

Local government reorganisation

8. The reorganisation of the County Council has led to the need to clarify and make visible the links between the various Council Plans. The new structure places the Community Care

Plan alongside the Local Performance Plan within the 4 yearly rolling Council Plan. This has offered the opportunity to extend the life of the Community Care Plan to four years instead of three, to be coterminous with the Council Plan. Consequently, in February of this year the Senior Management Team of Social Services agreed to the publication of a four-year Plan.

The four year Plan

9. The Senior Management Team also agreed that the Plan should:
As previously, be based on Adult Care Services Service Plans.
Provide outline structures of local statutory organisations
Provide guidance about, and links with other Plans and processes.
Provide information about performance measures for each client group
Provide information about access to services, eligibility, criteria and charging policies.
Identify costs of services.
Provide main contact links
Provide a summary with updates yearly
10. The updates to chart the delivery of targets set in:
Service plans/ Best Value Performance Measures.
Consultation on the Community Care Plan
Long Term Care Charter.

The content of the draft Community Care Plan 2001-04

11. The Plan is in two Parts.
Part one covers demographic issues, strategic aims, performance measure systems and financial issues.
Part two identifies the work of all the partners contributing to Community Care under client headings. This is in response to consultation where users/carers wanted to find all the service information particular to their interest in one chapter. It also includes those services that cross client boundaries.
Appendices provide responses to last years consultation on the Community Care Plan, Best Value performance and results of the first consultation on “Better Care-Higher Standards- a Charter for long term care in Buckinghamshire”.

The consultation

12. The draft was circulated to contributors to the draft in May /June for their comments and corrections. It is now prepared for wide consultation during July and August through the Locality Forums. Following a finally agreed draft, the document will be published later in the year.

Attachments

Draft Community Care Plan 2001-04

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