



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Decision to be taken on or after 11 March 2003

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Title Best Value Review Improvement Plan for Mental Health

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Electoral Divisions Affected

Summary

The report summarises key issues arising from the Best Value Review and seeks approval of the draft Improvement Plan.

Recommendation

The Deputy Leader is invited to approve the draft Improvement Plan arising from the Best Value Review of Mental Health Services which is attached to this report.

A. The decision required, and why it is needed

1. The Best Value Review of Mental Health Services commenced in June 2000, having originally been scheduled to start in September 2002. The Review was delayed due to the restructuring of the then Social Services Department and capacity issues and consequently the scope of the Review was restricted to:-

1. Day Care, Outreach and Rehabilitation provision.
2. Voluntary Sector provision.
3. Integration of Health and Social Care

It did not cover assessment and care management or residential care and accommodation.

The Improvement Plan consequently reflects the scope of the Review outlined above.

The Review was considered by Cabinet on 20 May 2002. It was agreed that the Head of Learning Disability, Mental Health & Commissioning in conjunction with the Chief Executives of Buckinghamshire Community Action and Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust should prepare an Improvement Plan to be submitted to the Deputy Leader as the Member of Council with lead responsibility for Best Vale, for approval.

The content of the Improvement Plan has been agreed with the Review Team and presented to:-

Adult Social Care Board – 27 August 2002
Adult Social Care Policy Advisory Group, 5 September 2002
Best Value Review Policy Advisory Group, 1 October 2002

B Recommended action, and the reasons for this

2. The Deputy Leader is invited to approve the Improvement Plan for the Review as this provides the means for taking forward the main findings of the Review. Certain urgent items have already been followed up and resolved by Managers.

C Other options available, and their pros and con

3. None.

D Resource implications

4. The Improvement Plan has no specific budgetary implications but it will require management and staff input to ensure that the action points are taken forward, The proposed officer responsibilities for follow up action are set out in the Improvement Plan.

E Other implications

5. It is important that the action plan relates to the strategic development plan being developed by the Mental Health Local Implementation Team.

F Feedback from consultation and Local Member views

6. The improvement plan has been prepared in consultation with Catherine Johnstone, Chief Executive, Buckinghamshire Community Action, Managers from the Integrated Mental Health Service and the Director of Strategic Policy for Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust. The Mental Health Local Implementation Team have also considered and supported the Action Plan.

G Communication issues

7. Discussions are currently on-going with the Director of Strategic Planning (Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust) and the Mental Health LIT to ensure that actions considered in the Improvement Plan are taken forward in a co-ordinated fashion and staff and stakeholders are kept informed of developments.

H. Other issues

None.

Background Paper

Copies may be obtained from the Contact Officer

Decision Taken:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper which you would like the Cabinet to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Head of Cabinet Support by Monday 10 March 2003. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 383602), Fax (to 01296 382538), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk

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