

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
17 JANUARY 2012**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Members**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the working groups of the Panel reviewing substance misuse and monitoring the modernisation of older people's services.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its working groups reviewing substance misuse and monitoring the modernisation of older people's services.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date in respect of the activities of its working groups.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Substance Misuse

- 5.1 The Panel established this Working Group to review the Council's response, and that of its partners, to the Government's requirements contained in its 2010 Drug Strategy following Bracknell Forest being selected as one of eight national pilot sites for the Payment by Results Drug Recovery pilot programme.
- 5.2 The Working Group has met on two occasions to date. At its first meeting, held in November 2011, the Working Group considered the scope of the review in the light of a discussion concerning the Payment by Results Drug Recovery pilot programme and the local substance misuse circumstances with the Chief Officer: Older People & Long Term Conditions and the Drug & Alcohol Action Team Manager & Commissioner. The second meeting of the Working Group took place in December 2011 at the New Hope drug treatment centre where members met some staff, volunteers, service users, a substance misuse prescribing doctor and an Inspector of Thames Valley Police to gain an insight into the extent, treatment and consequences of substance misuse.
- 5.3 A further meeting of the Working Group will take place shortly.

Modernising Older People's Services

- 5.4 Following a briefing in respect of modernising older people's services, the Panel set up this Working Group to monitor the proposed implementation of a wide range of measures intended to modernise and improve support for older people in the Borough. The roll out of the Personalisation agenda and success in caring for people in their own homes were amongst the drivers for the modernisation scheme.
- 5.5 The first meeting of the Working Group took place in late December 2011, when members received an introductory briefing from officers and agreed the scope of the review. The Working Group is proposing to attend meetings of the Home Care Providers Forum and will meet again in January 2012 to receive modernisation consultation feedback and plan the next stages of its work.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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