

TO: **ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**  
**17 APRIL 2012**

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**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 At its first meeting 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 Working Group subsequently agreed the scope and visited 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 be arranged shortly to plan further work which will include inspecting New Hope's new premises following its relocation.

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 Working Group received an introductory briefing from officers and agreed the scope of the review at its first meeting and has subsequently met again to consider modernisation consultation feedback and plan the next stages of its work. Members have also attended a meeting of the Home Care Providers Forum. The Working Group's future work will include a visit to Heathlands Residential Home and Day Care Centre.
- 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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