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OVERVIEW OF ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Purpose of Report

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Adult Services Portfolio: -

Dual Diagnosis Strategy

2. On 26 January the Dual Diagnosis Strategy, which covers individuals with both a Learning Disability and Mental Health problem was agreed at Council and full implementation is now being progressed.

Putting People First, Commissioning Strategy for Older People

3. The final draft of the strategy is being taken to the Older Person's Partnership Board for validation on 23 March. Progress in respect of the associated action plan will be monitored through the Older Person's LIT.

Putting people First Commissioning Strategy for Physical and Sensory Impairment

4. The final draft of the strategy is being taken to the Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Group on 15 March for validation. Progress in respect of the associated Action Plan will be monitored through the Partnership Group.

Interim Management Arrangements

5. Following the departure of Daljit Lally, Head of Adult Social Care to take up a new post, Jane Breheny, Commissioning Manager will be acting up into the Head of Adults Services as an interim arrangement.

Engagements

- 6. During January and February 2006 I attended the following: -
 - 16 January PCT Consultation
 - 31 January SAH Scrutiny
 - 28 February SAH Scrutiny
 - Regular briefing meetings with the Director of Community Services due to reorganisation.

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