

**Adults Wellbeing and Health
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

9th September 2010



Reduction and Remodelling of Home
Independence Service-Consultation

**Report of Rachael Shimmin, Corporate Director, Adults Wellbeing and
Health**

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the current consultation process and proposals for the home independence service
2. To enable members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee to contribute to the consultation process.

Background

3. At its meeting on the 16^h June 2010, the County Council Cabinet agreed to consult on the proposed reduction and remodelling of the Home Independence Service (HIS)
4. The cabinet report containing the detail is attached for information (Appendix 2)

Current Position

5. A detailed consultation process is currently underway and runs from 21st June 2010 to 13th September 2010.
6. The process includes:
 - Wide email circulation to staff in Durham County Council and NHS County Durham, other health organizations, voluntary sector and independent sector service providers, a wide range of groups and organisations with specific interest in older people's services eg LINKS

- Consultation pages on Durham County Council and NHS County Durham and Darlington websites
- Copies of the cabinet report and consultation questionnaires available in all HIS outlets
- Audio versions provided to visually impaired service users.

Recommendations

7. You are recommended to:

- (i) Provide feedback on the proposed reduction and remodelling of the Home Independence Service (HIS) during the consultation period.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance. The financial plan requires that efficiency savings of £330,000 are found from the Home Independence Service. Without these savings being made it is likely that other aspects of service provision will be affected.

Staffing - The recommendations in the report will have an affect upon staff. Every effort will be made to achieve redeployment and to avoid redundancies.

Equality and Diversity –A disability impact assessment will be completed as part of the consultation process.

Accommodation – a reduction in the service will impact on the usage of council building including Abbey day centre

Crime and Disorder- N/A

Sustainability – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Localities – N/A

Young People – N/A

Consultation – The public consultation process is currently in process and runs from 21st June 2010 to 13th September 2010

Health – Due to the nature of this service health partners will be consulted on the recommendations of this report

Personalisation –A combination of some direct personal advice and guidance and a self assessment toolkit which guides people to self purchase appropriately would lend itself to the personalisation and choice agenda.

