

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

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**Joint Commissioning Strategy for  
Older People 2010 – 13**

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**Report of Denise Elliott, Strategic Commissioning Manager**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the progress made in relation to the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2010 – 13 since April 2010.

**Background**

2. A previous report was taken to the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26th April 2010 to give an overview of the draft strategy and enable feedback to be provided to inform the final strategy.
3. Consultation on the draft strategy closed on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The feedback was collated and a final strategy produced, using the consultation feedback to shape the final action plan.

**Current Position**

4. The final strategy was approved by Adults, Wellbeing and Health Senior Management Team on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and went to Cabinet for information on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
5. NHS County Durham and Darlington approved the final strategy at their Programme Delivery Board on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
6. A suite of documents has now been produced as follows:
  - Final Strategy (Full Version)
  - Final Strategy (Summary Version)
  - Equality Impact Assessment
  - Consultation Report

7. An accessible version of the executive summary and action plan is in the process of being developed.
8. Both organisations have arranged for the documents to be accessible on their respective websites.
9. A number of elements of the strategy action plan are currently being taken forward. These include:
  - Progressing joint commissioning for active ageing, advice and information and consultation and involvement for older people
  - Review key social care services for older people eg Community Alarms and Telecare and Handypersons Service
  - Development of in-house Re-ablement Service
  - Development of Accommodation and Support Strategy for Older People
  - From a health perspective, a whole systems approach is being explored in respect of commissioning short-term rehabilitation and services for people with long-term conditions. This approach will include some key actions within this strategy eg falls/osteoporosis services, telehealth development and links to stroke pathways for older people
10. Copies of the Summary Strategy (**Appendix 2**) and Consultation Report (**Appendix 3**) are attached for your information.

### **Recommendations**

11. You are recommended to:
  - (i) Receive this report and the accompanying presentation for information.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – For the Council the strategy will be delivered within existing resources

**Staffing** - N/A

**Equality and Diversity** – An Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment has been carried out on the final strategy

**Accommodation** – N/A

**Crime and Disorder**- N/A

**Sustainability** – N/A

**Human Rights** – N/A

**Localities** – The strategy includes service elements that require review of current provision across the whole County with a view to ensuring fair access to services in the future

**Young People** – N/A

**Consultation** – The draft strategy went out to public consultation for a 12 week period

**Health** - The strategy has been developed jointly with NHS County Durham and Darlington and sets agreed, joint priorities for older people's services for the next three years

**Personalisation** – The strategy contains specific actions in relation to improving choice and control for older people

