

## Scrutiny Sub-Committee for Strong Healthy and Safe Communities

29 December 2003

**“Minding the Gap” (Mental Health  
Provision for 16-25 Year Olds and their  
Carers)**



### Report of the Working Group

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### Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

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#### Purpose of Report

1. To introduce the report of the Mental Health Scrutiny Working Group which has been investigating provision for young people aged 16-25 with mental health problems and their carers.

#### Background

2. The Working Group which has been considering the issues has now produced a report for consideration by the Sub-Committee. A copy of the report, which includes an Executive summary at Section Three, is attached.
3. The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the report and, in particular, the findings of the Working Group.
4. In considering the issues, the Working Group considered there were eight main themes around which their recommendations should be based. These themes are as follows:
  - **Early Identification and Intervention**
  - **Young People's Needs**
  - **A Greater Role for Young People**
  - **Education about mental health issues**
  - **Looked After Children**
  - **Joined-up Services**
  - **Funding and training issues**
  - **Carers**

#### Recommendations

5. You are asked to consider and approve the report of the Mental Health Scrutiny Working Group for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Head of Overview and Scrutiny**

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