

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADULT CARE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE  
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Agenda Item No.

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**JOINT INVESTMENT PLAN – SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

*Report of the Director of Adult Care Services*

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide information on the Joint Investment Plan - Services for Older People (JIP).  
To report on the JIP's progress over the first quarter (April-June 2001).

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 For the past three years, the Department of Health has required Local and Health Authorities to set out their joint plans for improving services for older people. The plans must include proposals to invest in new services, and respond to requirements within the NHS Plan. The JIP also needed to be consistent with County Council Best Value promises to promote independence, and work in partnership with other organisations to improve services.
- 2.2 The JIP Older People 2001/2 was signed off by the Executive member and submitted to the Department of Health in May 2001. Feedback from the NHS and Social Care Region is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Adult Care Service input to the Joint Investment Plan was set out within the report to Cabinet 19<sup>th</sup> March 2001 "Service Strategy and Specific Grants".

**3. JOINT INVESTMENT PLAN - SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – FIRST QUARTER MONITOR**

- 3.1 The JIP contained an Action Plan framed around the priority areas set out in the NHS Plan.
- 3.2 Arrangements are in place to monitor implementation of the Action Plan on a quarterly basis. The first quarter's monitoring including a summary of

progress is shown in Appendix 2. Progress has been made on a number of issues but we are still early in the year. Broadly we are on target for plan. A further monitoring report on the JIP will be drawn up in October.

- 3.3 For 2002/3 the JIP will set out plans for improving services for older people including the development of intermediate care services and the progress on meeting National Service Framework requirements.

*Background information referred to by the author while compiling this report*

NHS Plan 2000. A plan for investment. A plan for reform. Department of Health.