

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ADULT CARE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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Agenda item No.

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2002/3

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of Report

To consider the items outlined for possible scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Summary

This report presents a number of items which have been put forward to be included on the Committee agenda for scrutiny. These may form a Work Programme for the remaining part of 2002/2003 but will not preclude Members raising other issues over the course of the year. The report also includes a list of areas of work the Committee have scrutinised between 2000 – 2002.

1. Background

- 1.1 During 2000 – 2001 what was then Adult Care Services Select Committee scrutinised the following areas of work:
- Implementation of the National Carers' Strategy in Hertfordshire
 - Annual Report on Complaints
 - The Inspection Unit's Annual Report
 - Recruitment & Retention of staff
 - Responsible Reporting (whistleblowing)
 - Implementation of the National Service Framework for Mental Health
 - Hospital Discharge arrangements
 - Joint Investment Plan for Older People
- 1.2 Since January 2002 the Committee has scrutinised progress on the National Carer's Strategy, Direct Payments and Waiting Times for Assessment and for Services. The Committee also agreed to scrutinise the Supply and Demand of Nursing Home Care and Home Care, and the Joint Investment Plan for Learning Disability at its June meeting. (Both these items appear elsewhere on the agenda.)

2. Proposed Work Programme

a. National Service Framework for Older People

The National Service Framework for Older People provides a framework for the development of services for older people with a range of targets. Authorities are required to produce implementation plans to meet the targets. It is suggested that a report on progress on implementation of the National Service Framework in Hertfordshire is presented to the November 2002 Scrutiny Committee.

b. Supporting People

Supporting People is a new piece of legislation which introduces a new system of funding and commissioning support services provided to people in all forms of supported/sheltered housing.

The responsibilities for administrating a number of streams of funding will transfer to ACS.

Authorities are required to prepare for the full implementation of Supporting People from April 2003. It is suggested that a report on progress towards implementation of Supporting People in Hertfordshire is presented to the November 2002 Scrutiny Committee.

c. SSI Inspection of Older Peoples' Services

The SSI is undertaking an inspection of Older Peoples' Services between 19 June and 1 July. If the report is ready in time it is suggested it should be presented to the November Scrutiny Committee.

d. Best Value Review of Services to Adults with Physical Disabilities or Sensory Loss

This was the first Best Value Review in Adult Care Services, the outcome was reported to the December Cabinet meeting. It is suggested that a report on progress on implementation is presented to the January 2003 Scrutiny Committee.

e. Annual Report on Complaints

It is suggested that this report is presented to the January 2003 Scrutiny Committee.

3. **Conclusions**

The Committee should discuss whether or not they wish to scrutinise the above items. If they choose to do so, this may be done:

- at the meeting by questioning officers/executive Member
- by requesting a further report to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee
- by referring the matter to a topic group
- any other way they choose

4. Financial Implications

If the committee wish to recruit support for a piece of work, this will be funded from the budget of the service under scrutiny.

Background information referred to by the author whilst compiling this report

Previous report to Adult Care Services on 12 July 2001.