

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**ADULT CARE AND HEALTH
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Agenda Item No.

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VICTORIA AND ELIZABETH COURTS

Report of the Director of Adult Care Services

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1. Purpose of report

This item was requested by Roma Mills for scrutiny by the Committee following concerns expressed by Community Health Council (CHC) over the changes in levels and types of service which have been implemented at Victoria and Elizabeth Courts without consultation or agreement by CHC.

2. Summary

The attached reports have been submitted by Richard Edwards, Chief Officer, CHC, and Jean Holt, Service Development Manager, North Herts and Stevenage PCT.

The CHC report seeks to summarise the difficulties experienced and outlines the reasons for bringing this issue to the attention of the Committee.

It also requests the need for:

- clarification of the present situation to ensure that the facilities are used fairly for the people they are intended for in the short term;
- an urgent Strategic Review led by North Herts and Stevenage PCT to be completed by February 2004 to identify the needs of this client group and put in place arrangements for its implementation as from 1 April 2004.

The North Herts and Stevenage PCT report offers background information and seeks to explain the current situation at Victoria and Elizabeth Courts.

3. Conclusion

Members are invited to consider the information contained in the reports and decide if further scrutiny of this issue is required.

4. Rural Implications

None