

BRIEFING NOTE

Agenda Item 7

TO: Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny Panel

DATE: 15 July 2010

RE: Walsall LINK

Purpose

To provide Scrutiny Panel with an update following a meeting between Walsall LINK and SC&I Head of Service.

Joint Working between SC&I Directorate and Walsall LINK

Walsall Link held its AGM on 12 May 2010. Mike Ashburner was appointed to the position of Chair.

The Head of Vulnerable Adults Joint Commissioning met with the Chair and Chief Officer of Walsall LINK on 11 June 2010 to share the strategic intentions of the Joint Commissioning Unit with a view to Walsall LINK selecting a small number of current developmental programmes for scrutiny by Walsall LINK. These included:

- Improving the Quality of Care Homes
- Reprourement of Home Care Services for Older People
- Development of a Centre for Independent Living
- Retail Model for Community Equipment Service
- Access to Psychological Therapies in Mental Health Services
- Dementia Programme
- Learning Disability Services – Independent Living Programme
- Learning Disability Services – Day Services Programme
- Personalisation of Social Care Services
- Extra Care Services in Walsall

Walsall LINK agreed to invite the Head of Service to attend a Walsall LINK management meeting to discuss priorities further.

Outstanding issues around amendments to the host contract have now been resolved and the contract will be signed at the next review meeting.

Recommendations

Scrutiny Panel to note progress on joint working between SC&I Directorate of Walsall Council and Walsall LINK.

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