



**Resource and legal considerations:**

There are no legal considerations arising from this report. There is potential for investment from Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust and reduction in resources being diverted external to Walsall.

**Citizen impact:**

Impact detailed in paragraph 2.6 a) and b).

**Environmental impact:**

There is no specific environmental impact from this report.

**Performance management:**

The actions being undertaken will improve the performance of the directorate and make a positive impact on the overall performance of the council.

**Equality Implications:**

These actions relate directly to equitable availability of and access to services for adults.

**Consultation:**

The progress and process outlined in the report will require a Communication Strategy to ensure all stakeholders remain informed and part of the process.

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## 1. HOLLYBANK HOUSE REPROVISION – UPDATE REPORT

1.1 The Cabinet Report in September 2007, identified that a review of Hollybank had been undertaken which recommended a change in its future focus from long and short term residential care to provision of residential rehabilitation and respite care.

1.2 The recommendations in the Cabinet report included:

- a. That the review report be accepted
- b. That a period of consultation with existing residents be entered into
- c. That Cabinet receive a further report later in the year outlining the action plan for developing the new service

1.3 The review report represented a number of key decisions for the Council:

- a. The reprovision will end Council residential provision for younger physically disabled adults
- b. The new service will require alternative community based accommodation options
- c. The changes are required because the focus of both national and local government is on promoting independence and providing support to individuals in their own homes
- d. The proposals in the review supported existing Council policies relating to developing more integrated services with health colleagues

## 2. PROGRESS TO DATE

2.1 A Project Manager has been appointed (Tony Barnett) and is currently working across a range of associated work streams including:

- a. Data Gathering:
  - i) Referral rates
  - ii) Referrals to out of Walsall placements
  - iii) Referrals from within Walsall
  - iv) Nature of rehabilitation need
  - v) Analysis of Respite data and assessment of Walsall need
  - vi) How much does it all cost to include money spent outside of Walsall due to lack of choices in town
- b. Room specifications:
  - i) Staffing requirements
  - ii) Staffing costs
  - iii) Equipment required
  - iv) Unit costs
- c. Process flows:
  - i) Development of care pathways for example Acute Hospital>Rehab Hospital>Rehab Unit/Intermediate Care>Home
  - ii) Mapping of needs
  - iii) Development of alternative Home options to prevent blockages and provide choices

- 2.2 The Project Manager has been based initially at Hollybank to help communications with Service Users and the Staff Team.
- 2.3 The Project Manager has been working closely with the Registered Manager of Hollybank (Neil Farrington).
- 2.4 The local LNP has been contacted with a view to sharing the work being undertaken and to progress understanding of the issues involved.
- 2.5 Service Users and Staff Team will remain closely involved as the work progresses and this will be a feature of a future Action Plan.
- 2.6 A clear view has been developed and shared widely that the process at Hollybank will focus on:
  - a. Ensuring that existing Service Users needs are met and that future alternatives are identified in order to ensure they have an informed choice.
  - b. Ensuring that Walsall citizens have the opportunity to receive rehabilitation support and respite care in Walsall rather than having to travel outside of the town.