

Main Report - Action Plan: Adapting to the future

No	Recommendation	Responsible Officer	Community Services Management Response	Implementation Date
	Person-centred services Councils and NHS bodies should			
1	Jointly publish comprehensive information on community equipment and adaptations, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What help is available • Who to contact • Eligibility criteria • Who needs to pay and how much • What service people can expect, using information such as local targets for response times. 	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	A joint meeting was held with Occupational Therapy staff on May 11 th to re-write practice guidance and produce information leaflets. This exercise will be concluded by the end of May 2005.	May 2005
2	The information in 1 above should be published in different formats and in other languages as needed by local communities	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Information above will be produced in large print and audio tape and other languages as required.	June 2005
3	There should be a review regarding the level of demand for out-of-hours services.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Overall service requires to be reviewed. Feasibility study proposed and being presented at next Joint Strategy meeting. Out of hours services would be examined within the study.	November 2005
	How are services organised Councils and NHS bodies should			
4	Work towards joint information systems that provide good management information on the community equipment and adaptation services within their partnership area.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Re-implementation of Carefirst should provide more robust information. IT provision will be examined within a feasibility study as to best joint systems.	This will be progressed through co-operation with ICT in their long term strategy.
5	Clarify partnership arrangements for the assessment and provision of community equipment and adaptations ensuring that all relevant partners are involved; and formalise these arrangements in agreed policies and procedures.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Feasibility study will identify required policies and procedures.	November 2005
6	Ensure all relevant staff across the respective partner organisations are aware of the agreed policies and procedures.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Training for staff would be carried out when policies and procedures are in place.	November 2005

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7	Ensure that community equipment and adaptation services are developed as part of their overall community care strategy.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Community care strategies will be reviewed to ensure community equipment and adaptations services are included as part of the feasibility study.	September 2005
8	Develop protocols, which maximise the ability of staff from different partnership organisations to access equipment and adaptations and reduce the waiting time for users.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Protocols would be developed following the feasibility study.	November 2005
	How are services organised Councils and NHS bodies should			
9	Jointly review budgets for community equipment and adaptations and HIG's to ensure that they are set at a realistic level to meet need.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Budgets will be regularly reviewed through Joint Strategy group.	June 2005 ongoing. Then bi-monthly with budget monitoring reports presented at all meetings.
10	Monitor the performance on equipment and adaptation services by collecting and using robust management information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost • Activity, including waiting times • Quality of services, including users' views. 	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Robust systems for collecting information will be identified from recommendations of feasibility study.	November 2005
11	Record and monitor activity and expenditure associated with third parties, such as Care and Repair, RSLs and voluntary organisations, as charges in these areas are likely to impact significantly on future service delivery and resourcing.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	A charge monitoring system will be set up to address this recommendation.	November 2005
12	Develop joint performance indicators so that the service can be evaluated across a partnership area.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Following feasibility study- joint performance indicators will be developed.	November 2005
13	Councils and schools should ensure that there is training on the inclusion of pupils with SEN and for class and subject teachers and SNAs, in particular, that there is effective development and training to support the needs of pupils with SEBD.	Ronald Gould Head of Secondary Education	Wilma Lawn QIO ASN. An annual needs analysis informs the provision of our in-service training for teachers and SEN assistants relating to pupils with SEN or SEBD. The annual strategy is included in the education policy file Supporting Children: Supporting Effective Learning.	Complete
14	Once trend information is available, benchmark with other partnerships using like-for-like performance measures to drive forward continuous improvement.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Benchmarking with other similar local authorities will take place once information available.	Complete

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15	Work together to assess need for major adaptations in the future.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Develop close working links with Housing, RSLs, Care & Repair to monitor trends to assist in assessing for future adaptations.	November 2005
	Managing Risk Councils and NHS bodies should			
16	Ensure stock control systems are in place to track and locate equipment.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Robust systems for managing equipment will be identified by feasibility study.	November 2005
17	Ensure that written instructions on using equipment and adaptations are always provided for users and carers, and trained staff always demonstrate their use.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	A joint meeting was held with Occupational Therapy staff to re-write practise guidance and produce information leaflets on May 11 th . The whole exercise should be concluded by October 2005.	October 2005
18	Consider how best to provide advice and support to people in private housing market who install major adaptations.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	A joint meeting was held with Occupational Therapy staff to re-write practise guidance and produce information leaflets on May 11 th . The whole exercise should be concluded by October 2005.	October 2005
19	Agree and implement formal policies and procedures that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall of faulty equipment • Maintenance and repair arrangements • Recycling, including infection control procedures • Emergency arrangements. 	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Robust systems for managing equipment will be identified by feasibility study.	November 2005
20	Ensure management information systems contribute to the effective management of risk.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Robust systems for managing equipment will be identified by feasibility study.	November 2005
21	Review user needs once equipment and adaptations have been supplied.	Jim Robb Head of Integrated Development.	Methods of monitoring and evaluation of service require to be identified following feasibility study.	November 2005