

**CONSULTATION ON DRAFT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY & PLANS/SELF  
ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The draft commissioning strategy and plans describe the broad principles and specific approach for the delivery of care and support services for the next 5 years for all internal and external services.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

The Audit Committee note the updated commissioning strategy and plans will be finalised by end December 2012. This work is being taken forward by Planning and Information Team Leader and Commissioning staff. The updated strategy and plans will meet the requirements of Audit Scotland guidance and will be met by ensuring the actions identified in the self-assessment pro-forma are all met.

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 The consultation identified broad support for the overall principles contained in the commissioning strategy and plans. Moving towards services embodying the principles of

- Personalisation
- Self Directed Support
- Developing increasingly flexible services
- Assessment based on clear prioritisation of need
- Services being delivered at home or as close to home as possible
- Recognising importance of clear Commissioning Strategy and Plans as basis of dealing with increasing need within climate of decreasing Local Government funding

3.2 Support for service externalisation as a means to achieving Best Value received a 57% approval. 26% of respondents disagreed with this strategy. Associated with this response was a clear desire for stringent monitoring arrangements with 87% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing with this principle

**4 CONCLUSION**

4.1 Development of commissioning plans will include specifically for each service

- Broad assessment and forecast of need
- Identified set of desired outcomes
- Consideration of broad strategic options
- Framework for planning the nature, range and quality of future services
- Clear rationale for service development and procurement activity.
- Partnership arrangements for service delivery

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