Appendix 2: LD Internal Review - Reviews in other Areas

Hampshire

- Hampshire currently has three care home closures planned reducing the number of building-based residential and respite care services from 7 to 4.
- The council is considering externalisation and deregistration of three services, and has closed LD residential homes.
- The council is planning to remove the existing limits on how much disabled people can be charged for local services, and has started to charge people for day care and support services (which were previously free).

Wirral

• Wirral has recently closed five local respite services and intermediate care homes as part of a project to outsource its care to an independent organisation.

Haringey

• Haringey has recently closed four care homes, four drop-in centres, and two day services. One respite home is being considered for closure.

Warwickshire

- Warwickshire has recently closed two residential homes and three local day centres. It aims to decommission the entire internal LD service provision, and release the resources (e.g. sell property, etc).
- The council deducts 20% from each personal budget. It puts 18% of the personal budget in a 'contingency fund' and uses 2% of the personal budget to make efficiency savings.

Northamptonshire

• Northamptonshire closed a residential service for people with learning disabilities in January 2011 and is now increasing the cost of community meals by 87 per cent for new customers.

Essex

 Essex Cares, set up by Essex County Council in 2009, was the first local authority trading company in the country to offer social care services. The council has outsourced the delivery of all of its social care service to Essex Cares. The company delivers care services independently from the council, and it is anticipated that the freedom to innovate will deliver efficiency savings.