

Issue Update <i>(NB "Issues refers to para 5.6 in the September Committee report)</i>	Progress/Comment
<p>"Lack of effectiveness in implementing joint investment plan (JIP) and absence of targeted costs".</p>	<p>Action has been taken in relation to the implementation of the JIP. In particular more detailed work has been undertaken to identify the needs of young people transferring from the education system.</p>
<p>"Need to plan future services for people with cognitive disabilities".</p>	<p>Further work is being undertaken on the prevalence and needs using existing survey and national prevalence material. This will be identified in the joint commissioning strategy.</p>
<p>"Confused management arrangements in the HLDT.... need for greater performance.</p>	<p>The Harrow PCT have appointed an acting manager to cover those services provided by the PCT as part of the HLDT. This has clarified a number of outstanding management issues. The social services element of the team is included in all aspects of the performance monitoring arrangements within the Department.</p>
<p>"Eligibility criteria for services requires updating...."</p>	<p>This has been responded to through the introduction of the Council-agreed new eligibility criteria under the Fair Access to Care Scheme (FACS).</p>
<p>"The HLDT could be more effective in addressing child protection issues..."</p>	<p>From September 2003 a separate Children with Disabilities team will be commissioned which will take responsibility for all services to children with a disability. This will include child protection and risk assessment issues.</p>
<p>"Inadequate finance and activity information and not utilising information and not utilising the potential of the Learning Disability Register".</p>	<p>The position in relation to financial and activity data is being addressed across the Department. A business case for investment in new systems is being prepared for agreement by Members in the Autumn. The Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) has reviewed the working of the Register and amendments improving its effectiveness are being introduced.</p>

Action Plan Update	
R1 Review the effectiveness of the LDPB after 12 months	The working of the LDPB will be reviewed in the Autumn as part of the work on establishing new joint commissioning arrangements with the PCT.
R2 Review through the LDPB the pattern of service provision	This task was delegated to the National Development Team (NDT). Report awaited.
R3 Produce a costed and prioritised action plan...."	It is still the intention to produce a joint commissioning strategy with the PCT, which will address these issues. A new Joint Commissioning Manager is in post and has started work on the commissioning strategy.
R4 "Prepare and submit a business case for additional funding...."	Additional revenue funding was made available from April 2003. A PFI for the new day care service and a possible PFI for additional supported accommodation are in progress.
R5 "Ensure the LDPB has information necessary on budgets"....	This is being provided by the LDPB.
R6"develop an integration plan for a single service...."	This is being undertaken as part of the implementation of the New Harrow Project arrangements. Work is in progress to make recommendations to the Cabinet and PCT Board for a singly managed service with pooled budget.
R7 "Resolve the environmental issues by moving the team to a more user friendly location".	The HLDT will move to new accommodation in Wealdstone in September.
R8 "Consider the PATH at the LDPB and integrate it....into the next JIP.	The issues raised by this model of service delivery are and will be integrated into service planning via the Joint Commissioning Strategy.
R9 A series of recommendations in respect of linking team activities to strategic plans etc..	This awaits the NDT report, which will inform the preparation of the joint strategy.
R10 "Implement a performance management framework"	Implemented.
R11 "Produce a written operational policy for the team....including relative weighing of assessment and service provision functions and transparent decision making.	Some aspects still await the NDT report. However the introduction of FACs has ensured transparency and has established the priority that must be given to assessment work.
R12 "Establish and implement eligibility criteria that reflect strategic priorities.	This is covered by the FACs Scheme
R13 "Undertake a risk assessment of the work in which HLDT is involved".	Work outstanding. Priority for management capacity has been introduction of person centred planning and FACs. Risk assessment of people being referred to day care is underway.
R14 "Establish a framework for responding to high risk areas identified in the risk assessment..."	Although work on assessment is outstanding, the FACs requires a risk assessment to identify the level of response the SSD component of the HLDT will make.

R15 "Consider the recommendation from the HUMHS inspection (in relation to the HLDT)"	These will be considered as we progress towards reconfiguration of the management of the service.
R16 & 17 (these are recommendation as to the arrangements for services to children under the age of 18	All these recommendation have incorporated into plans for the creation of a separate team for children with disabilities to be commissioned in September 2003.
R18 "Develop financial and activity reports..."	We have increased the level of reporting within the constraints of the present IT system for which the planning of replacement is underway.
R19 "Consider how to develop the contribution that the Learning Disability Planning Register makes...."	Under way.