

**Sunderland Learning Disabilities Campus Completion****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform members of the completion of the programme to support people with learning disabilities to move on from NHS campus accommodation.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 'Valuing People Now' is a three-year government strategy for people with learning disabilities setting out the vision 'that all people with a learning disability are people first with the right to lead their lives like any others, with the same opportunities and responsibilities, and to be treated with the same dignity and respect. They and their families and carers are entitled to the same aspirations and life chances as other citizens'. In particular, the strategy:
- addresses what people said about the support people with learning disabilities and their families need;
  - reflects the changing priorities across government which impact directly on people with learning disabilities;
  - provides a further response to the Joint Committee on Human Rights report, 'A Life Like Any Other?'
- 2.2 One of the delivery priorities for government and local authorities was progress in the numbers of adults with learning disabilities known to social services moving into settled accommodation (i.e. not living in NHS campuses or residential care).
- 2.3 The White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' said that all NHS campuses should close by 2010. A capital funding programme was available to ensure that all people with a learning disability living in NHS Campus accommodation be moved to more appropriate accommodation. This was to ensure that people had the same opportunities as everyone else in relation to how they live, where they live and with whom.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The Committee has previously received reports on the progress in January 2008 and February 2009 which outlined the background to the Government's target, the situation in Sunderland and the potential implications. The plans were positively received by the Scrutiny Committee. Since then detailed multi agency work has been

undertaken to ensure people living in those services are found more appropriate community accommodation which meets their individual needs.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive a presentation about the completion of the programme.

#### **5. Background Papers**

DH Valuing People Now: a new three-year strategy for people with learning disabilities 'Making it happen for everyone' 2009

Health & Well-Being Review Committee 'Campus update and proposed closure of Newhaven and Newbury Cottages' 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Health & Well-Being Review Committee 'NHS Campus Reprovision of Services for People with Learning Disabilities' 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **6. Abbreviations and Glossary**

<b>NHS Campus</b>	A campus is a service that is: 1. NHS provided long-term care in conjunction with NHS ownership/management of housing (residents do not have an independent landlord and housing rights) 2. Commissioned by the NHS 3. People who have been in assessment and treatment services more than one year, who are not compulsorily detained or undergoing a recognised evidence based treatment programme People living in such accommodation are technically and legally NHS patients.
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