

INTERMEDIATE CARE SCHEME

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is to advise Members of the progress towards using an empty Scheme Managers flat, in Spa Court, for the provision of intermediate care, working in partnership with the Primary Care Trust (PCT).

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In July 2003 it was agreed to use the former warden accommodation at Spa Court as an intermediate care unit. Because of the experimental nature of these arrangements it was agreed that this would be for a one-year trial period. It was further agreed that these works should proceed in advance of any major refurbishment works proposed for Spa Court.

3 TIMING AND REFURBISHMENT

- 3.1 Following joint working parties, with Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust, Essex County Council and Rochford District Council, a draft operational policy, user feedback and a draft lease have been produced and circulated for comments. These documents were seen as being essential for the successful delivery of the project and were agreed by all parties early in the project plan.
- 3.2 A further project planning meeting will take place at the beginning of January 2004 with the view of finalising arrangements. Once staffing related issues are in place, it is envisaged that the trial period will commence in February/March 2004.
- 3.3 The Council has completed the works on the flat which were recommended by the Occupational Therapy Team, and it is now ready for occupation.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Rent and Council Tax will be paid by the PCT one year in advance.

5 FOLLOW UP MEETINGS

- 5.1 Meetings will be held between the parties involved at 3 monthly intervals to monitor progress. The Head of Service will make reports to Members on this initiative on a six-monthly basis.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the report.

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Background Papers:

None

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