

## Delayed Discharge and Winter Services

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### Planning Committee

21 April 2005

#### Purpose of report

- 1 To refer to the Planning Committee a decision of the Executive relating to delayed hospital discharge and winter services.

#### Details

- 2 The Executive had noted a range of joint initiatives with NHS Lothian to address the issue of Delayed Hospital Discharge, including the allocation of an additional £250,000 in 2004/05 to enable the purchase of up to 58 additional funded private and voluntary sector care home places to relieve the associated pressures on acute health services.
- 3 The decision had been called in to a joint meeting of the Community Services and Social Justice and Older People Scrutiny Panels to consider ways of accelerating the provision of the extra bed spaces required and for further detailed scrutiny of the recommendations.
- 4 The joint meeting of the Scrutiny Panels had made further recommendations.
- 5 The Executive agreed:
  - i) To note the joint Scrutiny Panels' views as follows:
    - a) that the failure to match the pace of patient throughput and community support was a key element in Edinburgh's Delayed Discharge problem.
    - b) the Panel's concern at the apparent lack of progress in realigning Lothian's Chisolm funding to more appropriately recognise the extent of the problem in Edinburgh.
  - ii) To approve the Scrutiny Panels' further recommendations as follows:
    - a) That the Interim Director of Social Work provide further information on the per capita costs in the Council's care homes.
    - b) Noting that the joint meeting had expressed concern that the delegation to the Deputy Minister was not all-party, to agree that the outcome of these discussions be reported to both Panels.

- c) That a further urgent report be prepared on the opportunities presented by Housing Stock Transfer and the Royal Victoria and Leith Docks initiatives to develop innovative care housing services to alleviate accommodation pressures.
- d) **In this context, to suggest that the Planning Committee should take cognisance of the need for adaptable housing within any affordable housing developments.**

### **Recommendation**

- 6 That the Planning Committee consider the need for adaptable housing within any affordable housing developments.

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Leader

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**Appendices**      None.

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**Background  
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