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## Report to the Joint Health and Social Care Board

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### MENTAL HEALTH DAY SERVICES - RELOCATION

#### Background

Following a review of Milton Keynes Council (MKC) provided and commissioned mental health day services in 1998, which involved significant service user as well as staff involvement, a number of changes to these services were recommended. These recommendations covered a number of developments, including the integration of provision from Campbell Centre Day Hospital (provided through health), and Keystone Day Centre (provided through MKC). Work has been underway since 2000 to bring these services more closely together, and this received added impetus following the signing of the Partnership Agreement in October 2002, bringing all Adult Mental Health Services under joint management, with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) as lead organisation. Since October 2002 both Campbell Centre Day Hospital and Keystone Day Centre have been managed by one Day Services Manager, although they have continued to provide services from separate sites.

In the Autumn of 2002 a potential joint base was identified at Wolverton Health Centre, which is the current site of Linford Day Unit, a day hospital for older people with mental health difficulties. Discussions with the managers of this unit led to a proposal that the two adult mental health day services move to the base at Wolverton, providing fully integrated day services, and that Linford Day Unit move to the Keystone site at Cripps Lodge Netherfield. This latter proposal would be advantageous to the older people's mental health services, as Redwood Day Centre, which also works with this client group, is also based at Cripps Lodge and would enable a greater degree of co-ordination across these services.

#### Consultation

The consultation period, with service user and carer groups as well as staff and Trade Unions, commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2003. A number of meetings were held with service users to discuss issues they had raised during January and February 2003, with representation from the Community Health Council to ensure service users were able to represent these views adequately. Meetings were held with Trade Unions, Human Resources from both MKC and PCT with staff, and a variety of issues and concerns were raised during the course of the consultation. All of these concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Trade Unions and Human Resources, including significant issues around Health and Safety concerns at Wolverton Health Centre.

#### Conclusion

The move was discussed at the Partnership Project Team meeting (the officer/executive led meeting which underpins the Joint Health and Social Care Board) on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2003. It was agreed to recommend the moves of the adult and older people's mental health day services as outlined above, subject to the final resolution of the outstanding issues regarding the health and safety concerns raised by UNISON on behalf of Keystone staff. These concerns have now been resolved, and the Joint Health and Social Care Board is asked to note that the services will be moving from their current locations during the course of the summer of 2003. Money for the capital works required by the changes have been secured through Mental Health Supplementary Credit Approval for MKC and from the Capital Works Programme at the PCT. It is anticipated that the services will be operating from their new bases by September 2003, providing a more holistic service to the service users.

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