

ISLE OF WIGHT, PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HANTS HEALTH AUTHORITY

FAREHAM AND GOSPORT PRIMARY CARE GROUPS

Fareham and Gosport Older Persons Locality Implementation Group Progress Report

The group has now met on two occasions. Terms of Reference and membership have been agreed. The membership now includes representation from voluntary organisations and the general public. Individuals have been identified and nominated to represent Fareham and Gosport on the District Working Groups. Local priorities for action have been agreed in line with NSF timescales. Progress in implementing the Older Person's NSF to date has included:

- Age Discrimination

It has now been clarified that Portsmouth Health Care Trust and Hampshire Social Service Policies are being reviewed centrally. The focus is now with primary care and in particular access to local services such as endoscopy, ultrasound, ENT etc. These policies have now been reviewed and an action plan is being developed to progress this work. It is also planned to analyse complaints received from older people.

- Review of information available on services for older people.

A project brief was developed and an individual identified to take this work forward. A wide range of information has now been collated from Primary Care, Community and Social Services. A sub group is being formed, which will include lay member and general public representation, to review the information and generate recommendations for future information provision.

A stocktake of systems used to elicit feedback from users and carers on the provision of older person's services has been carried out. This will form the basis of a coherent strategy to involve service users and carers as required by April 2003.

- Intermediate Care

A workshop was held in September involving all key stakeholders to review intermediate care services. Areas requiring improvement and future developments were identified. Face to face interviews are also being carried out with people who have used the service and their carers, to elicit further feedback about the service.

- Falls Prevention

A bid to the Department of Trade and Industry for a Fareham and Gosport locality falls co-ordinator was unsuccessful. Work is underway to map falls prevention activity locally, which will feed into the development of a local falls prevention strategy.

- Stroke

Following the District stroke meeting, a Fareham and Gosport locality stroke group has now been formed. The group has begun to identify areas for improvement and to develop a local action plan.

- Communication Plan

The Fareham and Gosport group has developed and agreed a local communication plan.