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DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING

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REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, TRANSFORMING SOCIAL CARE

REDUCING THE RATE OF ADMISSIONS TO LONG TERM CARE HOMES – MAKING CARE MORE CONVENIENT AND CLOSER TO HOME

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of policy options that can lead to an increase in the numbers of older people helped to live at home, and reduce the number of people admitted into Care Homes.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The number of older people the Council help to live at home is lower than many of its comparable authorities.
- 2.2 To explore options that could address this and reduce the numbers moving into a care home and making care more convenient and close to home, the Department commissioned a report from the consultancy Whole Systems Partnerships.
- 2.3 The research addressed three key areas:
1. Given population projections for older people in Nottinghamshire, what will be the need for local authority supported care home placements in 2010?
 2. What will be the impact of people who previously self-funded a care home placement and needed financial support from the Local Authority?
 3. How can Nottinghamshire reach its comparator group average of the proportion of its older population living in a care home and when can this be achieved by?

Policy Options

- 2.4 The policy options explored are:
1. the development of extra care housing units
 2. improving access to intermediate care services

3. improving access to re-enablement and occupational therapy services
 4. delaying admission to a care home placement by enabling people to live in their own homes for a longer period, thus reducing the average length of stay
 5. not accepting any transfers from acute hospitals into long-term care and providing alternative services.
- 2.5 To assist members to explore the policy options, Peter Lacey from Whole Systems Partnerships will deliver a presentation outlining the impact on each of the individual policy options and the impact if all five options were implemented.

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