



**COUNTY COUNCIL: 5 DECEMBER 2007**

**POSITION STATEMENT BY THE LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

**PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE, CHANGING LIVES – TRANSFORMING ADULT  
SOCIAL CARE IN LEICESTERSHIRE**

- I am pleased to announce the production by the Adult Social Care Department of a strategic plan which includes a new statement of purpose for the Service and key aims which it will aspire to achieve over the next few years. As such, it will guide the development of the Department's detailed service plans. In future, the Service will be judged on the progress it makes in achieving these aims.
- Leicestershire County Council's Adult Social Care Service works with a wide range of older people, people with disabilities and carers.
- Our vision for Adult Social Care in Leicestershire over the period 2007 – 2010 highlights our key priorities in delivering the outcomes set out in the White Paper, 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say'.
- Our purpose is to enable adults in Leicestershire to be as independent as possible and play a full and active part in the life of their communities.
- Adult Social Care has a very challenging future in front of it, but one that is full of exciting new possibilities. Achieving the aspirations of the White Paper, 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' will require a step change in how we currently provide services.
- While we have provided excellent services in Leicestershire and will continue to do so, we know that we must do things differently to meet people's expectations in the future.
- Our Aims
- We will put people who use our services at the centre of everything we do by transforming the way in which we work so that we actively support choice and enable people to have control over the decisions that affect their daily lives.
- We will form a new relationship with our communities and work with them and our partners to promote health and well-being, reduce health inequalities and promote equality.

- We will concentrate on the things which people tell us make a real difference to their lives and enable them to achieve their goals and aspirations.
- We will work with people and our partners to more fully understand the needs of the whole population and move towards more personalised approaches, which will be increasingly tailor-made to suit each person's unique circumstances, enabling them to be as independent as possible.
- We will develop our structure, our processes and the way we use resources to ensure that everything we do adds value and contributes to making a real difference to people's lives. We will measure our progress by listening to what people tell us about their experience and what is most important to them.
- We have moved a long way in modernising services in Leicestershire but still need to do more to develop a new relationship with people and with our communities. A change of this nature will not be achieved overnight, however, we are determined to transform Adult Social Care so that we can achieve our vision and deliver the aims I have outlined. This will involve careful planning and the development of more personalised forms of care and support. We will have to use our resources differently to provide individual budgets for people, placing them firmly in control.
- Our day to day approach is to work alongside people to help them to do what they can for themselves and to only provide direct support where they are unable to do this. These new service models will only be achieved by using our resources more efficiently, by focussing on recovery and rehabilitation at every opportunity and by challenging more traditional forms of care which prevent people achieving their full potential.
- We are fortunate in Leicestershire that we already have a high performing Adult Social Care Department eager to take up this challenge for it will be through the commitment, energy and skills of our staff that we will succeed.
- We need to create opportunities and choices for future generations. To truly transform Adult Social Care in Leicestershire we all need to work together. Together we can achieve; Promoting Independence, Changing lives.
- I am pleased to be able to conclude this statement by paying tribute to the department for once again achieving the top 3 star rating in the 2007 performance assessment recently announced by the Commission for Social Care Inspection. This is for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running and Leicestershire is the only County Council to have been awarded the highest rating since the star rating system was introduced in 2002. Key strengths identified by CSCI are:
  - Promoting independence and choice;
  - Involving service users and carers in shaping services;
  - Demonstrating positive outcomes for service users and carers.

- I would like to offer my congratulations to all the staff of the Department on their achievement for the benefit of Leicestershire residents.
- Thank You.