

1 **1. Windsor House**

2 The new unit catering for dementia sufferers opened on 8 January. No resident will be asked to move
3 out but over time the whole of Windsor House, like Morrell House, will specialise in residential
4 accommodation for dementia sufferers. This is a growing area of concern as it is forecast that by 2020
5 there will be 700 more people in York suffering from this condition.

6 **2. The Long Term Commissioning Strategy for Older People.**

7 This is probably one of the most important documents to be discussed by the Council. It projects a 60%
8 increase in the number of people aged over 85 by 2020. This will have major implications for the city
9 and the work done so far puts York nationally in the forefront of planning for future needs. This is very
10 much work in progress and the aim will be to glean further information to validate some of the
11 assumptions made. I am pleased that the North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust have agreed to
12 work with us on this project along with York Hospital and I would hope that the voluntary sector and the
13 independent sector will also be involved.

14 **Mental Health Services**

15 The partnership agreement with the PCT has been signed and mirrors that we have in place with the PCT
16 for Learning Disabilities services. A government inspection of mental health services in York in 2006
17 officially judged them to be good.

18 **3. Learning Disabilities Service**

- 19 • The inspection last year resulted in a 2 star rating with promising prospects for improvement which is
20 commendable for a service which has been only fully operational for a year.
- 21 • It is regrettable that North Yorkshire County Council have pulled out of the agreement for services in
22 Easingwold and Selby to be provided by ourselves.
- 23 • Pinetrees – one of the replacement services for those with severe learning and physical disability –
24 opened in West Bank Park and has been well received not only by the users and their carers but it has
25 also integrated well into the community. This facility has an added dimension in that there is a café
26 attached – Break in the Park – which can be used by members of the public but is also used to teach
27 catering skills to those with learning difficulties.
- 28 • The number of people with a learning disability in work has increased – 21 people are in paid work
29 and 34 are doing some kind of voluntary work.

30 **4. Homecare**

- 31 • Implementation of the reorganised services started in December last year. This reorganisation was
32 needed to help meet future needs, to stabilise the independent providers of care by offering longer
33 term contracts and to provide better value for money. Given the scale and complexity of the project,
34 there were one or two handover issues in the first week but the new services have settled in well.
35 The staff concerned have risen admirably to the challenges and they are to be congratulated.
- 36 • Admissions on a permanent basis to residential and nursing care remain low and well below national
37 average.
- 38 • Delivery times for equipment remain high with over 91% provided within 7 days.

39 **5. Direct payments**

- 40 6. The number of people using direct payments continues to increase – from 35 to 52. Work is also on
41 going to begin a more radical approach to individualised budgets starting with 10 adults with
42 disabilities which will give them control of the money spent on their care. This will increasingly be
43 the model for services in the future.

- 45 7. Following the restructure of the department I believe that we now have a strong, forward looking and
46 cohesive team in Housing and Adult Social Services which is ready to take on the challenges of
47 reshaping our services and making them some of the best in the country.

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49 **Cllr Susan Galloway**