



Health Department
Director of Service Policy and Planning

Dear Colleague

**COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS (CHPs) AND
INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Summary

1. The attached advice is to inform the development of local arrangements to deliver the policy objectives of Community Health Partnerships (CHPs) and the Joint Future programme in relation to the provision of integrated mental health services.

Background

2. In response to a priority identified by the National Community Health Partnership Development Group and comments made during the consultations on Community Health Partnerships, a Short Life Working Group was appointed to consider and prepare a core set of principles to help inform local approaches to jointly planned and delivered mental health promotion, prevention and care services. The advice attached is intended to support the aims and expected service outcomes to be set out in the draft Community Health Partnership statutory guidance. The statutory guidance will be finalised and issued in early autumn 2004.

Action

3. Agencies are invited to consider this advice in preparing proposals for local application and delivery of the service and support arrangements for mental health services within their planning processes. Agencies are also invited to submit examples of good practice for publication on the CHP web site (www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/chpdg).

4. This HDL is also available at www.show.scot.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

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