



**Later Years Partnership  
11<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

**Partnerships for Older People Round 2**

**Discussion Document with general  
ideas**

## DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITIES, HEALTH AND CARE

### **Partnerships for Older People - round 2**

1. The Government has invited bids for the second round of the POPP programme for funds worth £18.5m available in April 2007. It is looking to establish a further 12 pilots from a shortlist of 24. Initial expressions of interest are required by the 12<sup>th</sup> May, with full bids from those shortlisted by October.
2. Bids must be submitted by a local authority on behalf of a partnership that must include the Primary Care Trust and involve other health agencies and other partners. The DOH will assess bids on the degree of involvement that older people have had in developing the bid, and the bid must be 'signed of' by the Chair of the local older persons forum.
3. The overall aims of the programme are:-
  - to develop person centred and integrated support;
  - enable older people to have control over health and well being;
  - empower people to manage their needs and remain independent;
  - encourage investment in prevention;
  - reduce avoidable admissions and
  - achieve large scale system reform.
4. The prospectus pushes further the focus on independence, well-being and prevention, and projects must encompass the "whole population". Projects should encompass the themes within 'Opportunity Age' and 'A Sure Start to Later Life' in addition to addressing the Health and Care White Paper. The DoH wants to avoid duplicating Round 1 projects, so are not encouraging bids around Mental Health Problems or housing interventions including Extra Care Housing. Instead the key areas to focus on are:-
  - carers of older people
  - early intervention including case management
  - broader quality of life interventions
  - greater involvement of the Community, voluntary and independent sector.In launching the scheme, Ministers emphasised a community focus, and the role of carers.
5. The DoH are particularly interested in projects that:
  - test the local system for misaligned incentives (ie that trigger more acute services unnecessarily, or push money in the wrong direction)
  - engage with primary care partners to link with practice-based commissioning.
6. Pilots should link to other initiatives including:
  - Local area agreements, prevention and well being strategies
  - Supporting People plans
  - Preventative Technology Grant usage.

#### **Bidding**

It is proposed to organise a meeting to pin down the broad aspects of the bid in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April, involving key partners. If possible a prior meeting will be held with the Seniors Council Steering Committee to enable representatives to be involved effectively in the key partners meeting.

## **General themes**

- ◆ Shifting from the provision of 'care' to Support for Independence
- ◆ Moving support from statutory services to the community (putting the community back into community care)
- ◆ Continuity across the range of support provision by mapping and linking things up and then extending good practice
- ◆ Mainstreaming 'one-off' projects to create a joined-up system of support

## **The keys to citizenship**

### **Self-determination**

#### Information

Development of interactive resource book for older people with information about:

- ◆ Community services
- ◆ Social and healthcare services
- ◆ Condition management

#### Access to Information

- ◆ Silver surfers clubs in sheltered housing units and extension of IT programmes
- ◆ Project in partnership with libraries
- ◆ Black and Ethnic Minority Communities

#### Advocacy

- ◆ Older person's advocate
- ◆ Development of self-advocacy groups

### **Community Life**

#### Creation of community broker posts x 5

- ◆ Based in localities and linking with GP surgeries
- ◆ Support people to access community groups
- ◆ Act as brokers for health and social care

#### Neighbour befriending scheme

- ◆ To provide flexible respite for carers

#### Intergenerational project

- ◆ Junior Neighbourhood Warden roll-out
- ◆ Adult learning plan projects

#### Community facilitators

- ◆ Care managers at A&E to prevent hospital admissions x 2

## **Direction**

Retirement planning

Counselling and mental wellbeing

Support for older workers and employment transition

## **Money**

Increased take up of pension credit and other benefits

Council Tax benefit

- ◆ Improve take-up
- ◆ Join up systems to make applying easier

## **Home**

Safe at home

- ◆ Security
- ◆ Fire safety
- ◆ Falls prevention
- ◆ Home safety checks
- ◆ Development of role of housing wardens / scheme managers
- ◆ Warm homes
- ◆ Garden support

Assistive technology

- ◆ Low level support to prevent independence ie: medicine prompts

## **Support**

Senior Health Mentors

- ◆ Recruitment of a volunteer network to provide advice on health living and lifestyles
- ◆ Community footcare service
- ◆ Development of Third Age Link

Joined up information systems

- ◆ Housing, Social Care, Health and Benefits

Creation of Pub Clubs