

### NATIONAL AND LOCAL CONTEXT

#### National Context

- As people live longer and their expectations change, the Government has identified a potential funding gap of £6 billion for social care in 20 years time
- The number of people in England over 85 is projected to double over the next 20 years, but as people live longer they will not necessarily do so in better health
- The Department of Health has identified that the average man now spends 9 years living with a long-term limiting illness compared to 6 years in 1981
- As social care is labour intensive, unit costs are likely to rise in real terms through wage increases being higher than general inflation
- In 2006 70% of those over 80 were home owners compared with 85% of those aged 50 to 59
- the average inheritance has more than doubled from £21,000 in 1997/98 to £44,000 in 2003/04

#### Local Context

- In Leeds currently, income as a percentage of the cost of providing services is
  - 26% for nursing care
  - 22% for residential care
  - 3% for home care
- A typical residential care placement in Leeds costs £420 per week, with an average service user contribution of £114 per week
- A 40-hour a week home care package costs approximately £880 per week in Leeds, with an average contribution from those people who pay (currently 42%) of £37 per week
- Within learning disability services in Leeds:
  - 234 care packages over £1,000 per week, a 66% rise over the last two years
  - 21 care packages over £3,000 per week, a 420% rise over the last two years
  - The most expensive care package is £6,447 per week compared to £3,939 two years ago, a rise of 64%
- Current satisfaction levels with the assessment and care management function measured against the council's customer care standards are currently high at 90% or above
- For older people receiving home care and day care services, satisfaction levels have improved between the December 2007 and September 2008 outcome surveys:

- 79% of those responding to the sample survey in September 2008 said they felt the services were either “very good” or “good” at helping them to live the life they wanted compared to 70% in December 2007
  - The percentage who felt that the quality of services had improved increased from 13% to 23% over the same period.
- Adult Social Care had a 32% increase in the number of compliments received (201 in total) and 26% reduction in the number of complaints (323 in total) in 2007/08 compared with 2006.

### Benchmarking Data

- Compared with the core cities (2007/08 figures), Leeds has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest Formula Grant per head, which reflects the socio-economic profile of the city
- Leeds has the lowest Band D Council Tax of the core cities (2007/08 figures), but it has only the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest overall Council Tax per head, again reflecting the relative prosperity of Leeds compared to other core cities
- Four comparator groups have been used in benchmarking our current contributions policy against other authorities for 2008/09: authorities bordering Leeds; core cities; Audit Commission comparator group; excellent authorities for adult social care
  - of those authorities which apply financially assessed contributions, all take a person’s capital into account in the assessment
  - one authority assesses 34% of disposable income as being available towards contributions, one assesses 50% like Leeds, but all others take a higher percentage
  - 76% of authorities take 100% of disposable income into account
- 58% of service users in Leeds receive free services compared with an average of 43% for members of the 2006/07 CIPFA Financial Assessments Benchmarking Club
- An analysis of CIPFA statistics for 2006/07 shows that for older people’s day care and home care services:
  - Leeds recovers 5.9% of the costs of providing services through income
  - The income percentages are 13.2% for Audit Commission comparator authorities and 12.5% for excellent social care authorities
  - If Leeds raised its income to the average percentages for comparator authorities it would receive additional income of £1.4m-£1.6m per annum
- Data from the 2006/07 expenditure analysis for the fifteen Audit Commission comparator authorities who joined the CIPFA benchmarking club confirms the relatively low level of resources for assessment and care management in Leeds:
  - For all client groups spend in Leeds is significantly below the average
  - For example it is £14.20 per head of population for older people compared to the average of £19.40 and £1.80 compared to £3.60 for learning disability services.