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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry: Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems – Update Report**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 At the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board meeting members expressed their concern at the lack of support for those individuals detained under the Mental Health Act and then discharged into the community. At the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 the Board further agreed that an inquiry be conducted into this matter and incorporated into the 2009/10 work programme.

1.2 The Board established a working group to undertake aspects of the inquiry. The first meeting of the working group took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Since that date one further meeting has taken place.

**2.0 Scope of the Inquiry**

2.1 The agreed terms of reference which fully define the scope of the inquiry are attached at Appendix 1.

**3.0 Progress to date**

3.1 Minutes of the meetings for October and November 2009 are attached at Appendix 2 which defines progress with the inquiry to date.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is requested to :

- 4.1.1 Consider the contents of this report, terms of reference and agreed minutes of the Working Group.
- 4.1.2 Comment on any specific aspects of the examinations undertaken by the Working Group and on the progress to date.
- 4.1.3 Determine if there are any specific / further areas that require additional scrutiny, including the nature and frequency of any future reports

#### **5.0 Background Papers**

5.1 None