

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

These principles were agreed:

- 1 The County Council welcomes partnership arrangements in health and social care as an opportunity to work better together for the benefit of the public, service users and patients.
- 2 Services will be provided to meet identified needs and will be planned, monitored and delivered in partnership with service users, carers, patients and communities.
- 3 The purpose of entering into partnership arrangements is to provide better quality, more effective services than can be achieved by single agencies acting independently.
- 4 The County Council will use the full range of partnership and flexible arrangements to promote improved and more effective service provision. These arrangements include lead commissioning, integrated teams and pooled budgets.
- 5 The development of strong partnership arrangements may result in the creation of new organisational structures, but the formation of new organisational structures is not an end in itself.
- 6 In the event of partnership arrangements leading to the creation of new organisational structures the County Council will require that Local Government's constitutional integrity is properly represented in the new organisation's governance and management arrangements.