The principal objectives of the Devon Partnership NHS Trust are to:

- provide mental health and learning disability services which are of high quality, are fast and convenient, meet the needs of users and carers, meet national standards and are efficient;
- contribute to the priorities for improving health, health care and social care in the Peninsula as set out in 'The NHS Plan', 'National Service Frameworks including those for adult mental health services and older people, White Papers such as 'Valuing People', 'Priorities and Planning Framework 2002/03', other national strategies such as those for information management and technology and the 'South West Peninsula Franchise Plan'.
- work closely with partners in the health and social care system, to plan and deliver the specialist health services required to:
 - meet the health needs of the population;
 - ensure standards are met as set out in The NHS Plan, National Service Frameworks and other national strategies such as those for information and for workforce development.
 - reflect the priorities and achieve the targets set out in the Government's Priorities and Planning Framework for 2003/4 and the associated Local Delivery Plans of our partner PCT's.
 - continue to improve integrated health and social care and our partner PCT's.
- involve staff, service users and their carers and the public in planning and modernising services;
- develop the capacity and capability of the Trust, its staff and managers to achieve these objectives;
- achieve all statutory requirements including statutory financial targets.