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**Report of:** Chair, Harry Turner

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### **Summary**

To update Well-being Partnership Theme Board on Service Priorities Group (SPG) strategies.

The work of the SPG is to coordinate the commissioning and procurement of services that are either directly or indirectly of mutual interest to LBH and the TPCT.

Because both organisations are facing significant cost pressures and savings programmes in-year and for the future, recent work has been focussed on the 2 main issues of delivery to plan in 2006/07, and commissioning for 2007/08 and beyond. Work has been progressed not so much in the full SPG as in a sub-group of senior officers, which has now met twice in the past 2 months and will meet again in early December. The intention will be to marry up these 2 key workstreams as far as is possible, recognising that the NHS timetable for commissioning is always later than that for the Local Authority.

2006/07 discussions have included bringing the LD overspend back to balance, dealing with underperformance of the Joint Equipment Store against the key plan target, and quantifying the impact of “recovery” actions by each organisation on the other.

2007/08 discussions so far have involved a sharing of current plans, and in respect of disinvestment proposals, again quantifying the impact of possible actions by each organisation on the other.

### **Recommendations**

That the Well-being Partnership note progress and key issues.

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