

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2006

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**REPORT ON CONTRACT WITH THE ORDER OF ST JOHN CARE TRUST FOR  
THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2005 TO MARCH 2006**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report on the Council's contract with the Order of St John Care Trust (OSJCT).

**Background**

2. At their meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 an annual review was presented of the Council's contract with OSJCT that ended in October 2005 but was extended for a further six months pending the completion of a new contract. In addition, further information was requested on staff training provided by OSJCT and refurbishment undertaken in the care homes.

The attached report provides additional information in these respects.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

**3. Refurbishment:**

Pages 5 and 6 of the attached report detail the expenditure incurred by OSJCT on homes in each of the locality areas.

4. Future plans for refurbishment will depend upon the outcome of the property strategy being submitted by DACS to Members in September that will outline the proposals for all the care homes currently leased to OSJCT.

**5. Training:**

Members requested additional information that would illustrate how OSJCT compares with others. The attached indicates a level of expenditure on staff training in excess of 3.5% of gross payroll recommended by the National Care Forum. The Training Organisation for Personal Social Services (TOPSS) recommends 3%. Wiltshire County Council DACS spends between 2.5 and 2.6%.

It is evident that OSJCT compares favourably with others in this regard.

### **Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

6. None

### **Risk Assessment**

7. None

### **Financial Implications**

8. This report relates to the previous contract with the Trust. The terms and conditions of the new contract were reported to Members previously.

### **Options Considered**

9. None

### **Proposals**

10. That Members note the information provided.

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