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INTRODUCTION

The Annual Programme carries plans for action within the Authority for the financial years 1987-89. These plans pursue the agreed strategies for the priority services of the District - Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Services for the Elderly, Services for Mental Health, Services for Persons with Mental Handicap and the Community based Services. In addition, specific attention is given to the expansion of Cardiac Surgery and Cardiology, Renal Services, Joint Replacement Surgery and Bone Marrow Transplantation for Children.

Each section of the Programme describes the position of existing services in the District in respect of Key Commitments for the planning decade of the Regional Health Authority and other strategic targets of the District Authority. The Annual Programme of each section records changes in or addition to existing services which advance the Authority towards these targets. The year 1987-88 represents the Operational Programme and 1988-89 the Forward Programme.

The table which follows each section is a summary of Key Commitments and other targets and the capital, revenue and manpower changes to existing services in the years 1987-89. When there is no recorded investment against a target, existing services will achieve the required workload. For some items further planning and evaluation is required. The Authority's Budget for 1987-88 will carry these investments.

The Authority's new management structure will be complete before 1987 and the public can look forward to the benefits which will accrue from the implementation of these plans.