

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Social Work and Health Improvement Committee: 21 November 2007

Subject: Better Health Better Care – A Discussion Document.

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members on officer feedback to the Scottish Government discussion document titled, 'Better Health Better Care; and to seek the Committee's approval of the response.

2. Background

- 2.1** This discussion document was circulated to gain feedback on the proposed way forward for the evolving model of healthcare. The document seeks to open discussion about objectives for an evolving model of healthcare, and the best means to achieve them. It poses a series of questions, presented to give the opportunity to shape the action plan, which will be published in December 2007. This will be a detailed plan, with a timetable for action for NHS Scotland at national, regional and local level, as well as a series of 'commitments' from key delivery partners.
- 2.2** The response to the Scottish Government has also been sent to CoSLA who is co-ordinating local government responses through the Health and Wellbeing Executive Group led by Councillor R. McColl.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The document discusses activity, which is presently delivered across the domain of many agencies and partnership groups.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** None

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** No response to the discussion paper would mean the views of West Dunbartonshire Council were not reflected in the national consultation.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** The discussion document has been circulated to all departments and the attached appendices are the collation of feedback from a range of WDC staff. We conclude that the document does not fully recognise the relevance of local authorities in joint planning for shared outcomes.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** It is recommended that Committee approve the response to this discussion document.

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Appendices:	1. Better Health Better Care Discussion Document 2. WDC Response Paper
Background Papers:	N/A
Wards Affected:	All