

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

At a Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 18 February 2004 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Andy White, Connie O'Sullivan and Martin Rooney (West Dunbartonshire Council); Mr Andrew Robertson (Chair, Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust); *Rev Ian Miller (Argyll and Clyde NHS Board); Karen Murray (Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde) and David Dowie (Operations Manager, Communities Scotland).

Attending: West Dunbartonshire Council: Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Brian McAteer, Strategy Officer and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

Health Improvement & Social Justice Partnership: Helen Watson, Joint Strategy Officer and William Pook, Joint Finance Officer.

Greater Glasgow NHS: Ian Reid, Chief Executive, Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust, *Catriona Renfrew, Director of Planning and Community Care and Alex Mackenzie, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Care, Greater Glasgow NHS Board.

Argyll and Clyde NHS: Kay Eastwood, Director of Nursing, Lomond and Argyll Division and Cathy McGillivray, Director of Nursing, NHS Argyll and Clyde.

* Arrived later in the meeting

Councillor Rooney in the Chair

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

1869 Having heard the Convener, the Partnership agreed that the order of business be varied as hereinafter recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1870 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Partnership held on 12 November 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OVERNIGHT NURSING CARE TEAM

1871 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and the Joint Future Development Manager, Lomond LHCC advising of the report submitted to the Joint Strategy Group on 11 December 2003.

1872 Having heard the Head of Strategy and the Director of Nursing, NHS Argyll and Clyde in further explanation, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to make comment as necessary to the Joint Future Development Manager, Lomond LHCC; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Note: Catriona Renfrew entered the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

MATERNITY SERVICES IN THE ARGYLL AND CLYDE AND GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD AREAS

1873 With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held on 23 July 2003 (Pages 181-185, Paragraphs 299-320 refers) and 12 November 2003 (Pages 383-387, Paragraphs 1117-1139 refers), the Partnership heard Catriona Renfrew, Director of Planning and Community Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Cathy McGillivray, Director of Nursing, NHS Argyll and Clyde give updates on maternity services in the Greater Glasgow and Argyll and Clyde Health Board areas.

Note: Rev Ian Miller entered the meeting during the updates.

1874 The following background papers were submitted for consideration:-

- (a) a copy of the 'Modernising Maternity Services: Consultation Proposals by Greater Glasgow NHS Board';
- (b) a copy of a report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services submitted to West Dunbartonshire Council on 28 January 2004 proposing the response to the NHS Greater Glasgow Consultation on the Review of Maternity Services; and
- (c) a copy of a letter from Mr T.A. Divers, Chief Executive, NHS Greater Glasgow, expressing concern on the Council's proposed response to the consultation paper.

1875 A copy of a letter from Mr T Huntingford, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, in response to Mr T Divers' letter was also circulated at the meeting for consideration.

1876 Having heard Councillor White and Ms Renfrew in further discussion, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note that West Dunbartonshire Council was opposed to the proposed closure of the Queen Mother's Hospital (QMH); and
- (2) to note that the consultation period for NHS Greater Glasgow Board was due to end on 20 February 2004 and that the Council's response to NHS Greater Glasgow Consultation on Maternity Services Review was contained in Appendix 1 of the report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services referred to above.

GREATER GLASGOW AND LOMOND MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

1877 A report was submitted by the Director of Planning and Community Care, NHS Greater Glasgow advising of the partnership arrangements being developed between NHS Greater Glasgow and NHS Argyll and Clyde to provide adult mental health services for the population of the Lomond area and to facilitate a discussion about the establishment of a Partnership Board.

1878 Having heard the Head of Strategy and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to support the development of a partnership solution to provide adult mental health services for the population of the Lomond area;
- (2) to approve the arrangements to progress the establishment of a Partnership Board;
- (3) in principle, to the appointment of an Elected Member to the Partnership Board; and
- (4) that after 6 months, a progress report be submitted to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY GROUP

1879 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services informing the Partnership of current 'Health Improvement' activity being pursued by the West Dunbartonshire Health Improvement Strategy Group.

1880 Having heard the Head of Strategy, the Partnership agreed to note and support the progress of the West Dunbartonshire Health Improvement Strategy Group.

JOINT COMMISSIONING FOR REPROVISIONING OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

- 1881 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services:-
- (a) updating on the progress with the evaluation of expressions of interest received in response to the proposal to fund, design, build and operate an innovative mix of long term care services for older people; and
 - (b) requesting the consent of the Partnership to invite a single tenderer (Bield Housing Association) to tender for the proposal.
- 1882 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to approve the proposal to negotiate with a single tenderer to cover both developments in the Vale of Leven and Clydebank areas;
 - (2) to confirm that Bield Housing Association should be invited to be the single tenderer; and
 - (3) to commend the innovative model used in the joint commissioning for reprovisioning of long-term care services for older people.

CARERS STRATEGY

- 1883 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the West Dunbartonshire Local Partnership Carers Strategy 2003-2006.
- 1884 Having heard Mr Andrew Robertson and Councillor Rooney, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the draft Local Partnership Carers Strategy; and
 - (2) to thank Mr Andrew Robertson and those officers involved in the preparation of the West Dunbartonshire Local Partnership Carers Strategy 2003-2006.

RESOURCE TRANSFER NHS ARGYLL & CLYDE

- 1885 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the current status of discussions and negotiations with NHS Argyll and Clyde relating to Resource Transfer issues at the Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria.

- 1886 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services, the Partnership agreed the financial proposals as detailed in the report.

SENSORY IMPAIRMENT CONSULTATION AND NETWORKING EVENT

- 1887 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the Sensory Impairment Consultation and Networking Day hosted by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow on 22 January 2004.

- 1888 The Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Department of Social Work and Housing Services would progress the implementation of a West Dunbartonshire-wide Sensory Impairment Strategy Group;
- (2) to note that regular progress reports on this issue would be made available to the Partnership; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

AUDIT SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT & ADAPTATION SERVICES 2002/2003

- 1889 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the recent Audit Scotland review of the Management of Equipment and Adaptations and the subsequent Action Plan prepared in conjunction with Audit Scotland.

- 1890 The Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Director of Social Work and Housing Services be requested to prepare periodic reports on the implementation of the Action Plan for consideration at future meetings of the Partnership; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

- 1891 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services updating the Partnership on progress made in the development of West Dunbartonshire's Homelessness Strategy.

- 1892 The Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made in developing and implementing West Dunbartonshire's Homelessness Strategy; and
- (2) to note that progress reports on the strategy be submitted to the Partnership on a regular basis.

STAFFING POSITION

1893 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the current staffing position for qualified social work staff within the Department of Social Work and Housing Services.

1894 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the current levels of qualified social workers within the Department of Social Work and Housing Services;
- (2) to support the actions being taken to address the problem of recruitment and retention of staff; and
- (3) to note that regular progress reports advising on the staffing position of the department and of the implications for the service would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership.

DRAFT JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

1895 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the Draft Joint Community Care Plan 2003-2006.

1896 Having heard the Head of Strategy, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to approve the wider circulation of the plan to local stakeholders for consultation and comment; and
- (2) otherwise to note the content of the Draft Joint Community Care Plan.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL – COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

1897 A report was submitted by the Director of Nursing, Lomond and Argyll Division and the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the process of establishing Community Health Partnerships within NHS Argyll and Clyde and specifically the issues in relation to the Lomond and Argyll Division.

1898 Having heard the Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division and following discussion the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to acknowledge the extensive work which had been undertaken to try to reach agreement on the issue;
- (2) to remit the issue to senior officers of NHS Argyll & Clyde, NHS Greater Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire Council and Argyll & Bute Council for consideration; and
- (3) to note that the Lomond and Argyll Division would make a recommendation on Community Health Partnership boundaries being coterminous with local authority boundaries, which would be considered at the March meeting of the NHS Argyll & Clyde Board.

The meeting closed at 3.05 p.m.