



## Report by Independent DIG Chair

Management Group: 17 November 2022

**\_ Subject: Independent Delivery and Improvement Group**

### **1. Purpose**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to summarise the current activity within West Dunbartonshire HSCP Independent Delivery and Implementation Group.

### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1** It is recommended that the Board note the contents of this report.

### **3. Background**

**3.1** The Independent DIG works to a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and the key local outcomes detailed in the LOIP are:

- People are supported to live independently
- The quality of life for older people is improving

### **4. Main Actions**

**4.1** Valued Carer Initiative: Kim McNab (Carer Centre) updated the group following the successful launch of the 'Valued Carer' card. This is one component of a wider 'Carer Aware' community initiative that the Carers Centre is promoting.

**4.2** 20 local businesses have so far signed up, and early feedback is positive from both carers and local businesses owners, building on the 'Shop Local' ethos.

**4.3** In addition, the publicity surrounding the launch has resulted in an increase in number of referrals to the Carer Centres and increased visits to their website. Statistics demonstrate highest new referrals in the 35-64 age group and a 3% increase in referrals from men.

**4.4** Power of Attorney (POA) Campaign: Joe McCormack (Citizens Advice Bureau) updated the group on the initiative currently being developed in

partnership between the HSCP, CAB and the Carers Centre to promote knowledge of and enhance accessibility to appoint POA to loved ones.

- 4.5 Funded through the HSCP to promote the uptake of POA, the Carers Centre and CAB will work together to identify carers (and those they care for) who would like to apply for POA. CAB will then support completion of the process, including the registration of the POA at the Office of Public Guardian.
- 4.6 This initiative will be monitored and data gathered. This will inform 'next steps' decision making, with the aim of a continued focus on supporting awareness and completion of POA's. This is a key component of Anticipatory Care Planning (ACP), allowing citizens the ability to define their preferred choices ahead of increasing health and social care needs.
- 4.7 The DIG is also considering activities to promote awareness of Anticipatory Care Planning.
- 4.8 Digital solutions: this was carried over to the next meeting due to apologies from the lead for this action.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1 Nil

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Nil

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1 NA

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1 NA

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1 NA.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1 Links with Strategic Plans of all members in this group.

**Person to Contact: Fiona Taylor**

**Background Papers: NA**

**Wards Affected:**