

***Excerpt from the Minutes of Meeting of Social Work and
Health Improvement Committee held on 19 September 2007***

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**CONSULTATION PHASES ONE, TWO AND THREE OF THE ACQUIRED BRAIN
INJURY SERVICES**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health advising the Committee of the reporting of Phases One to Three of the consultation programme with Acquired Brain Injury service providers and users.

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Jonathan McColl, the Committee agreed to allow Ms. Margo Irwin to address the meeting. Ms. Irwin provided the Committee with a moving account of her personal circumstances and her fight to ensure that her daughter has access to all the services that she requires.

The Committee thanked Ms. Irwin for her contribution.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Social Work and Health in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the report and to request updates from the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group on their progress with the consultation process;
- (2) to instruct the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group to develop phase four of the consultation process with Acute services; and
- (3) to forward this report to the next meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council, along with a further update on ideas for long and short term strategies to deal with the issues raised, particularly in relation to the provision of psychological support for brain injured individuals.