

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services

Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 17 May 2006

Subject: Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment for West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report advises and updates the Partnership of the changes to the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership specifically as a consequence of the dissolution of NHS Argyll & Clyde (effective from the 1st April 2006) and the subsequent changes to the Scheme of Establishment.

2. Background

- 2.1** Partnership members will recall that the West Dunbartonshire (Health only Community Health Partnership jointly with NHS Greater Glasgow and NHS Argyll & Clyde) was approved by the Scottish Executive on the 13th July 2005.

This was presented to the Partnership in August 2005.

- 2.2** The dissolution of NHS Argyll & Clyde with effect from the 1st April 2006 has necessitated a revised Scheme of Establishment to reflect the new organisation i.e. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde effective from that date.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment for the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership highlights two key areas of change:

3.1.1 Membership of the CHP Committee

The proposed membership of the Partnership Committee is as undernoted:

Non-Executive Directors of the NHS Board

Ms Rani Dhir MBE (Chair)

2nd Non Executive member to be confirmed

Cllr Andy White (West Dunbartonshire Council)

Professional Executive Group

Dr Alan McDevitt

Dr Fiona Coulter

Ms Margaret Hastings

Ms Claire McGinley

Staff Partnership Forum

Mr Ross McCulloch (Interim Joint Chair)

Public Partnership Forum

Ms Cathie Tumath

Ms Muriel Robertson (Alternate with Ms Betty McIntosh)

Voluntary Sector Forum

Ms Selina Ross

Partnership Director

Mr Keith Redpath

The total number of members is **12** (twelve) and further details are provided in the two attachments – namely Membership of Partnership Committee and the Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment.

3.1.2 Services to be Directly Managed

In the original Scheme of Establishment, the models proposed by NHS Argyll & Clyde saw the inclusion of the Acute General Hospitals as a core part of the operational responsibility of each proposed CHP in the Argyll & Clyde area.

This was a different approach to that adopted for the Partnerships in the NHS Greater Glasgow area and after the decision on the dissolution of NHS Argyll & Clyde had been confirmed, it was agreed that all of the acute general hospital provision in the former “Clyde” area that would become part of the expanded New Board area would be managed as a directorate within the Acute Operating Division.

This would provide a consistent approach across the whole of the new Board area and for the West Dunbartonshire CHP means that Acute General Hospital services provided at the Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria would not be managed by the CHP.

All of the responsibilities of the CHP in respect of the interface between primary and secondary care would remain as before.

Details are provided in the Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment referred to previously.

- 3.2** The attached letter from T A Divers (Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) dated 23rd March 2006 to the Scottish Executive detailing the above changes, is attached for information.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** At this stage there are no personnel issues but as the development of the CHP progresses, these may arise.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** At this stage there are no personnel issues but as the development of the CHP progresses, these may arise.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** The development and implementation of the CHP offers the opportunity of joint working between Local Authority and Health partners in order that services can be both delivered and enhanced to the population of West Dunbartonshire.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1** It is recommended that Members note the report.
- 7.2** It is recommended that Members make comments as necessary to the Acting Director of Social Work Services and the WDC CHP Director.
- 7.3** It is recommended that an update on progress is presented to future Partnership meetings as appropriate.

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Attachments:	Appendix 1 - Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment for the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership Appendix 2 - Membership of Partnership Committee Appendix 3 - Letter dated 23 rd March 2006 from T A Divers (Chief Executive NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) to the Scottish Executive
Background Papers:	Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership August 2005
Wards Affected:	All Council Wards