

## HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday 12 November 2003 at 2.15 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); David Dowie (Operations Manager, Communities Scotland); and Karen Murray (Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde).

**Attending:** **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Mike Foley, Senior Social Worker; Douglas Hunter, Brain Injuries Worker and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

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

**Greater Glasgow NHS:** Alex Mackenzie, Assistant Director for Commissioning.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Rev Ian Miller (Argyll and Clyde NHS Board); Dr Ronnie Cleland (North Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust); Ian Reid (Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust).

### Councillor Rooney in the Chair

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1117 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Partnership held on 23 July 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.
- 1118 With reference to the item headed "Closure of Ward 16 at the Vale of Leven Hospital" (Page 183, paragraphs 314-315 refers), it was noted that a letter had been sent from the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, to the Chief Executive of NHS Argyll and Clyde, on behalf of the Partnership, and that to date no final response had been received.
- 1119 With reference to the item headed "Local Partnership Agreement" (Page 182, paragraph 306-307 refers), it was noted that the Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde would disseminate the Scottish Executive feedback and report back to NHS Argyll and Clyde Board.

## **PRESENTATION ON THE BRAIN INJURY SERVICE WITHIN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

- 1120 The Partnership heard Mr Douglas Hunter, Brain Injuries Worker, West Dunbartonshire Council give a detailed presentation on the Brain Injury Service within West Dunbartonshire.
- 1121 A handout accompanying the presentation was circulated for information.
- 1122 After discussion, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked Mr Hunter for his very informative presentation.

## **PRESENTATIONS ON MATERNITY SERVICES IN THE ARGYLL AND CLYDE AND GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD AREAS**

- 1123 Having heard Councillor Rooney and Mr Robertson in further explanation and following discussion, it was noted that these presentations had been deferred to the next meeting of the Partnership to be held on Wednesday, 18 February 2004.

## **JOINT COMMISSIONING FOR PROVISION OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

- 1124 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services updating the Partnership on progress with the reprovisioning of long-term care services for older people.
- 1125 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services in further explanation and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
  - (1) that the actions already taken towards the identification and acquisition of suitable sites be approved, allowing progress towards the formal tender stage;
  - (2) that a special meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership be held to approve any final recommendation, should it be outwith the normal schedule of meetings; and
  - (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1126 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the proposed development of Community Health Partnership arrangements.
- 1127 Copies of correspondence between the Partnership and Argyll and Bute Council were circulated to Members.
- 1128 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to support the development of Community Health Partnership arrangements that deliver one Community Health Partnership across the whole of West Dunbartonshire;
  - (2) to note that the NHS Argyll and Clyde development process for Community Health Partnerships was at present incomplete;
  - (3) to note that the Partnership was decided on the principle of a coterminous Community Health Partnership; and
  - (4) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **DELAYED DISCHARGE**

- 1129 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of ongoing actions of the Partnership to meet Scottish Executive targets in the reduction of delayed discharges from hospital beds.
- 1130 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **EXERCISE REFERRAL SCHEME**

- 1131 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of an Exercise Referral Scheme developed by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Argyll & Clyde to help address some of the major health problems of the population of West Dunbartonshire.
- 1132 Having heard Councillor White in further explanation the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **SINGLE SHARED ASSESSMENT AND MODERNISING GOVERNMENT PROJECT**

- 1133 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services updating the Partnership on progress made in implementing Single Shared Assessment (SSA) and the Modernising Government Project.
- 1134 Having heard the Head of Strategy and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) that the Department of Social Work and Housing Services progress the implementation of Single Shared Assessment and Modernising Government through the Joint Strategy Group;
  - (2) that regular progress reports be made available to the Partnership; and
  - (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **CHOOSE LIFE STRATEGY/CHOOSE LIFE FUND**

- 1135 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services:-
- (a) informing the Partnership of the National Strategy & Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Scotland as part of the National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well Being;
  - (b) informing the Partnership of the Choose Life Local Community Support Fund provided to Councils to manage on behalf of the Community Planning Partners to support local actions over the next three years;
  - (c) seeking approval for the release of up to £50,000 from the Choose Life Local Community Support Fund as part of the first phase in the implementation of a local Choose Life Action Plan; and
  - (d) seeking approval for the management of the Choose Life Local Community Support Fund to be delegated to the Joint Strategy Group.
- 1136 Having heard the Senior Social Worker in answer to Members' questions and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the Choose Life National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Scotland as part of the National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well Being;
  - (2) to approve release of up to £50,000 from the Choose Life Local Community Support Fund to set up an infra-structure including the recruitment of personnel to enable the Partnership to begin to implement the Choose Life Strategy locally; and

- (3) to delegate management of the Choose Life Local Community Support Fund to the Joint Strategy Group.

**JOINT FUTURE STAFF SIDE DEVELOPMENT/LIAISON POST  
(17.5 HOURS)**

- 1137 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking the Partnership's approval for the joint funding of an additional post agreed by the Joint Strategy Group to support and facilitate the staff-side development of Joint Future arrangements and objectives.
- 1138 Having heard the Head of Strategy and following discussion, the Partnership agreed to approve the post.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 1139 It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on 18 February 2004 in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.