

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership**

**Community Health & Care Partnership Committee: 6 June 2012**

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**Subject: The Integration of Ardmore Day Hospital with Local Authority Day Care**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide CHCP Committee with an update on the pre engagement on the proposed integration of Ardmore Day Hospital with Langcraigs Local Authority Day Care.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Recent statistics from Alzheimer Scotland predict an increase in the prevalence of dementia in people over the age of 75. We need to act now to respond to this vulnerable population by providing increased access to services through the further development and integration of Health and Social Care Services as well as working in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland and the Carers of West Dunbartonshire.
- 2.2** There is a need to establish clear pathways for older adults within the mental health services. This proposed model promotes good local joint/integrated working practices with other local mental health services and agencies.
- 2.3** This proposal would bring the Day Care and Day Hospital functions closer together as part of the West Dunbartonshire Mental Health and Older Peoples Network; allow consistency in approaches, service design and delivery; improve local access to services including memory clinics for early diagnosis in Dementia; and improve access to Psychological Therapies by providing local groups.
- 2.4** All this activity would provide an improved and coordinated local service that is better able to meet the needs of local people. Additionally the model would support the achievement of the CHCP's HEAT targets.

The proposal aims to achieve three main objectives:

- To integrate the Ardmore day hospital staff into the Old Age Community Mental Health Team to provide assessment, diagnosis and treatments within the persons own home;
- To Deliver local therapeutic groups within the local community by co-locating with Local Authority Day Care services; and
- To free up space within Ardmore Day Unit to develop further old age services to provide crucial social, therapeutic and recreational activities and opportunities.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Currently Ardmore Day Hospital has 14 patients who attend weekly. The proposal would see, 8 Day Hospital patients co-locate with Langcraigs Day Care patients for the Dumbarton & Alexandria areas, some of these existing patients already attend Langcraigs Day Care on days they are not attending the Ardmore Centre.
- 3.2** The remaining 6 patients would receive services at home or for Helensburgh clients, they would attend the Oasis Day Centre in Helensburgh.
- 3.3** The co-located day service in Dumbarton would provide access to a range of health and social services, individual assessments, treatments, therapeutic activities and if required, after assessment, people would continue to attend the day care service where the assessment indicated the need.
- 3.4** It is proposed that a minimum of three NHS staff will be added to the daily staff compliment at Langcraigs to meet the particular needs of a maximum of 8 day hospital patients attending. The 8 patients remain NHS Patients with NHS Staff providing them with direct support & Care.

### **4.0 Pre-engagement & Consultation**

- 4.1** Ardmore Staff have been meeting with Families and Carers to discuss proposal;
- 4.2** Management have been meeting with Ardmore Staff and Langcraigs staff to discuss potential changes;
- 4.3** Management have discussed proposal with Argyle and Bute Council & CHP;

- 4.4 Proposal has been discussed with both Staff Side Representatives from NHS and Local Authority;
- 4.5 Proposal taken to the Public Partnership Forum;
- 4.6 The proposal has been the subject of discussion with the Scottish Health Council. In addition to what has already been done they have asked for information on the subject to be included on the websites of both the CHCP and the NHS Board.
- 4.7 They confirmed that the work already undertaken was proportionate and relevant to the level of service redesign proposed.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1 Ardmore Day Care NHS Staff would be relocated to the Cairnmhor Older Peoples Community Mental Health Team.
- 5.2 For a small number of service users, they will attend Langcraigs Day Care Centre instead of Ardmore Day Hospital.

## **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The service redesign is being carried out within existing resources.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1 As previously reported, the service is currently provided within the Ardmore Day Hospital. We have clarified that Langcraigs Day Centre is currently registered to accept 50 Clients.
- 7.2 With a maximum of and additional 8 NHS Clients, the total number of clients attending Langcraigs would be 40. There is a risk of increased anxiety on the part of families and carers as a result of the uncertainty surrounding this development.

It is hoped, however, that regular reports to the Committee and the PPF, will serve to mitigate this risk and keep all stakeholders informed of progress on the issues involved.

- 7.3 Ensuring the safety and security of all stakeholders involved in developing any integrated day service provision is of prime importance and will be thoroughly assessed in every situation.

## **8. Equalities Impact**

**8.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this particular report. Prior to any decision, a full EIA will require to be conducted.

## **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

**9.1** As the numbers of older people with a diagnosis of dementia increase within West Dunbartonshire, our older peoples services need to expand to provide the additional capacity that will identify and support early diagnosis and ensure the best possible use of resources.

**9.2** The Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the continued development of the proposed revised service model;
- (2) Note the ongoing consultation with staff and service users; and
- (3) That a further report will be submitted to the next CHCP Committee on the outcome of the service redesign process.

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**25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

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**Appendix:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** **Wards 1,2,3 & 4**