

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

West Dunbartonshire Health & Care Partnership: 6 April 2011

Subject: West Dunbartonshire Change Fund – Local Plan

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring to the Committee's attention West Dunbartonshire CHCP's successful *Change Fund* application; and the key actions that will be taken forward as a result of it.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scottish Government's *Reshaping Care for Older People programme* is primarily concerned with optimising independence and wellbeing for older people at home or in a homely setting. The implications of the current financial situation and demographic changes make this a challenging task, as improved services need to be provided for an increasing number of people using a diminishing level of resources. It is widely recognised that maintaining the status quo will not suffice and significant shifts to anticipatory and preventative approaches are required to achieve and sustain better outcomes for older people.
- 2.2 The Scottish Government has established a *Change Fund* of £70 million for 2011/12 to enable health and social care partners to implement local plans for making better use of their combined resources for older people's services. The Change Fund is intended to provide bridging finance to facilitate shifts in the balance of care from institutional to primary and community settings; and also influence decisions taken with respect to the totality of Partnership spend on older people's care. The Change Fund has been established using a portion of the NHS uplift flowing to Scotland from the UK Spending Review. It will be distributed through NHS Boards as part of the 2011/12.
- 2.3 In December 2010 an invitation was extended to the 32 local Partnerships in Scotland to submit a Change Plan proposal (agreed by all partners) to the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) for Health and Community Care. The requirement was that local Change Plans should be prepared and agreed by the respective Council, NHS Board, Third Sector and Independent Sector partners and submitted to the Scottish Government by 28 February 2011.
- 2.4 Initially, the Change Fund is available in 2011/12; however, the Scottish Government has signalled its intention (subject to Parliamentary Approval) to include the Fund in the next Spending Review process; and consequently that Partnerships to plan on the basis of a change fund being available over the period 2011/12 – 2014/15. On that basis, the direction has been that local 2011/12 Change Plans should be seen as interim or starter plans – capturing the best information and ideas available now while signalling the areas for development during 2011/12 to enable more complete Plans to be prepared for future years. The expectation being set down through this process is that this and future change funding will support the broader aims of Reshaping

Care for Older People Programme which has a 10 year horizon to deliver significant shifts in the balance of care from institutional to community settings.

- 2.5 West Dunbartonshire was allocated circa £1.2 million from the national Change Fund to apply for. The comprehensive proposal prepared and submitted by the CHCP (as lead partner) is attached as an appendix here, as well as a subsequent letter from the Scottish Government confirming the release of the West Dunbartonshire funds on the basis of the proposals made.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 As a precondition to releasing the allotted funds to local Partnerships the Scottish Government stipulated that local Plans demonstrate that systems and relationships are in place locally to deliver against the following criteria:

- What the Partnership is planning in terms of enabling significant changes in service planning and provision with a focus on innovation and development in community settings. The purpose of the Fund is not simply to plug gaps in current patterns of delivery but rather to enable accelerated development of services and supports that will deliver better models of care, and act as a foundation for substantive changes to service planning and delivery in the medium to long term.
- Recognition that this is a Partnership budget to support partnership ambitions and as such is distinct from Resource Transfer or aligned budget approaches.
- Plans for 2011/12 should focus on work that will be undertaken during that year, and should show how actions taken in 2011/12 contribute to the Partnership's longer term strategy to shift the balance of care and be reflected in a joint commissioning strategy.
- The Partnership is looking to strike a balance between managing reduction in NHS hospital demand and capacity and providing reassurance to allow local government and partners to underpin community based services and supports.

- 3.2 The successful proposal attached details how this will be delivered upon over the course of the following three years. The 2011/12 actions specified within are also reflected as a core element of the 2011/12 West Dunbartonshire CHCP Strategic Plan (which is separately being presented to the CHCP Committee at this meeting). Consequently performance management and reporting on specified Change Fund actions for 2011/12 will be undertaken as part of the performance management and reporting of overall CHCP Strategic Plan (as also set out in the associated Committee paper).

4. People Implications

- 4.1 The recruitment and training commitments associated with the successful Change Fund proposal are detailed within the application attached.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The West Dunbartonshire allocation of the national Change Fund is circa £1.2 million: the planned expenditure and financial governance framework are detailed within the application attached.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** No risk assessment was necessary to accompany this report.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report. However, as part of the implementation process, an equality impact assessment (EQIA) will be undertaken as part of the more detailed planning process.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** The CHCP Committee is asked to note the local Change Fund for West Dunbartonshire; congratulate the CHCP staff who have led and contributed to a successful outcome here; and request an up-date on progress following the first year (2011/12).

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Appendices

West Dunbartonshire Change Fund Plan – application to Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) for Health and Community Care.

Change Fund For Older People’s Services – Release Of Funding (letter from the Scottish Government).

Background Papers:

Reshaping Care for Older People

West Dunbartonshire CHCP Strategic Plan 2011/12

Wards Affected:

All