

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services**

**Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership:**

**9 August 2006**

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**Subject: Better Outcomes for Older People: Update on Progress of Implementation**

**1. Purpose**

**1.1** This report outlines the actions identified for improved integration of services within the Scottish Executive's Better Outcomes for Older People Framework, and offers an update on the Partnership's progress towards completing these actions.

**2. Background**

**2.1** The draft Better Outcomes for Older People Framework document was published by the Scottish Executive in July 2004, and its principles were agreed by the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership meeting of 29 September 2004. The final Better Outcomes for Older People Framework was then published in May 2005.

**2.2** The framework promotes the development and mainstreaming of joint and integrated services. It aims to bring together health, housing and social care services, to the common goal of securing better outcomes for individuals and their carers. It is proposed that the framework and its action plan should be used by Joint Future Partnerships as a tool to map progress towards integration, and to attain a measure of how this approach improves outcomes, against the context of an ageing population and the need to secure cost effectiveness with public funds.

**2.3** The framework's action plan highlights 16 areas for development, and the table at appendix 1 shows these actions along with an update on the current position in West Dunbartonshire.

**3. Main Issues**

**3.1** Most of the actions have been, or are in the process of being, addressed through the Partnership's capacity planning work. The latest report is currently the subject of a local consultation, with comments due to be submitted by 31 July 2006.

3.2 An update table detailing the actions required of the framework and our progress to date is attached at Appendix 1.

#### 4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

#### 5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

#### 6. Conclusions

6.1 The Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership is making good progress towards achieving the requirements of the Better Outcomes for Older People Framework, largely within the context of our capacity planning work. To sustain progress it is important that the next phase of capacity planning, including the financial framework, is progressed after the current consultation has closed.

#### 7. Recommendations

7.1 The Partnership is asked to note the content of this report.

7.2 Members are asked to make comment to the Acting Director of Social Work Services.

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**Background Papers:** Better Outcomes for Older People: Framework for Joint Services, Scottish Executive, May 2005.  
Better Outcomes for Older People: Framework for Joint Services for Older People – Draft for Consultation 2004.

**Wards Affected:** All council Wards.