

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership**

**Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 21 February 2007**

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**Subject: Acquired Brain Injury Strategy covering services for People  
with Acquired Brain Injury**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The report advises the Partnership of our Acquired Brain Injury Strategy
- 1.2** The strategy has completed a three month consultation exercise and the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership is asked to approve the overall strategy. A copy of the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy is attached as an appendix to the report.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** In October 2004 West Dunbartonshire Social Work Department hosted an open event with people with an acquired brain injury, carers and service providers, as a means to establish an Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group.
- 2.2** The Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group was subsequently established with members from community organisations, the voluntary sector and statutory services. That group developed for consultation the Draft Acquired Brain Injury Strategy including Action Plan.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The Strategy links in with local policy documents such as the Extended Local Partnership Agreement and the Community Health Partnership Annual Plan as well as the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Glasgow City Acquired Brain Injury Strategic Framework.
- 3.2** The Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group, whose members are from the community, the voluntary sector and statutory services suggested the priority order of the key issues for people with an acquired brain injury.
- 3.3** The Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group published the draft strategy on the West Dunbartonshire Council website and intranet site as well as making it available on audio tape, in Braille and large print. The draft strategy was also circulated to all partners and local organisations for brain injured people such as Headway and Momentum.
- 3.4** Service users and providers within the Strategy group supported the strategy's aspiration that people with an acquired brain injury should be at the heart of

the planning, delivery and development of services and this is reflected in the Strategy's Action Plan.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

4.1 No personnel issues.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 No financial implications.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

6.1 There is deemed to be no risk attached to the proposals contained within this report. There are risks to service users and carers if the co-ordinated health and social care planning advocated in the strategy is not pursued.

#### **7. Conclusions**

7.1 The Strategy reflects the multi-agency involvement in the Strategy Group of local service users, support groups and statutory services for people with an acquired brain injury, the ratification and publication of the Strategy will continue to drive the work of the partnership.

7.2 The Acquired Brain Injury Strategy has been developed in partnership with people with an acquired brain injury, their carers, voluntary organisations, West Dunbartonshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and the NHS Greater Glasgow Rehabilitation and Assessment Directorate (RAD). The Strategy Group is keen to maintain the momentum of the work and to develop services for users within the West Dunbartonshire area.

#### **8. Recommendations**

8.1 Members are asked to agree the content of this report, and request updates from the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group on their progress with the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy, and implementation of its action plan.

8.2 Members are asked to comment to the Director of Social Work Services and the CHP Director.

8.3 Members are asked for their approval of the finalised document.

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**Appendices:** Acquired Brain Injury Strategy 2007-2010

**Background Papers:**

**Wards Affected:** All council Wards.