

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: November 2012

Subject: WD CHCP Strategy for Carers 2012 – 2017

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to outline the purpose of the attached CHCP Strategy, and to ask the CHCP Committee to approve it.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The CHCP Committee is asked to approve the West Dunbartonshire CHCP Strategy for Carers; and to commend the work of the CHCP staff involved in its development.

3. Background

- 3.1** Carers have consistently highlighted that they can derive considerable benefit from support in their caring role and that services delivered to patients and carers can help them enjoy a quality of life outwith their caring responsibilities, and enable them to sustain the caring they provide. This strategy sets out the commitment of West Dunbartonshire CHCP to work with carers as partners rather than just as recipients of health and social care services.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** This strategy reflects the requirements of Scottish Government as reinforced by the local priorities and concerns of West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS GGC. It also has a particularly important supportive relationship with the approved suite of West Dunbartonshire CHCP Commissioning Strategies.
- 4.2** Specific in-year actions that flow from this strategy will be articulated within the CHCP's annual Strategic Plans; and progress will be formally reported to the CHCP Committee as an integral element of the twice yearly performance reporting on Strategic Plan commitments. The 2012/13 Mid-Year Performance Report for the CHCP (which is also being presented at the November Committee meeting for consideration) includes up-dates on relevant actions that contribute to the aims of this strategy.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no direct financial implications of this strategy, as specific in-year actions developed as a result of it will have to be responsibly devised and then implemented within the context of the financial resources available.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** This strategy is an important element to ensuring that the CHCP is able to provide services in an effective, relevant and sustainable manner as advocated by Audit Scotland. Moreover failure to deliver, approve and implement such strategies as this creates risk in relation to the requirements of external scrutiny bodies, most notably the Care Inspectorate and Audit Scotland.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken on the Strategy indicated no significant negative issues; and identified a number of strands of work that have been incorporated into the attached final version of the strategy to further strengthen the delivery of its aims.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** This strategy has benefited from comments and contributions from local stakeholders, particularly those CHCP staff planning and delivering our local services; and crucially a substantive three month consultation exercise (plus on-going engagement activity) with local carers, carers groups and other interested fora (e.g. the Public Partnership Forum) that demonstrated strong support for and agreement with the aims and substance of the strategy.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** This strategy will actively support the delivery of the following WDC strategic priorities:
- Improve life chances for children and young people.
 - Improve care for and promote independence with older people.

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Appendices: WD CHCP Strategy for Carers 2012-17.

Background Papers: WD CHCP Strategic Plan 2012/13

Wards Affected: All Council wards