

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Sub-Committee held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 23 July 2003 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Andy White, Connie O'Sullivan and Martin Rooney (West Dunbartonshire Council); Reverend Ian Miller (Argyll and Clyde NHS Board); and David Dowie (Communities Scotland).

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Helen Watson, Joint Strategy Officer; William Pook, Joint Finance Officer; Colin Meehan, Section Head, Learning Disability and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

Greater Glasgow NHS: Catriona Renfrew, Director of Commissioning.

Argyll and Clyde NHS: Kay Eastwood, Director of Nursing and Cindy Wallace, Learning Disability Development Manager.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ian Reid, Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust; Andrew Robertson, Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust and NHS Board; Ronnie Clelland, North Glasgow NHS Hospitals Trust and Karen Murray, NHS Argyll and Clyde.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

299 Reverend Miller, Vice Chair, informed those present that the Sub-Committee was required to appoint a Chair from its membership. On the Motion of Councillor White, seconded by Reverend Miller, it was agreed that Councillor Rooney be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

300 Thereafter, Councillor Rooney assumed the Chair and welcomed everyone present to the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

301 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 12 March 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

CHANGE OF NAME OF THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE

- 302 Councillor White was heard in explanation of the requirement to change the name of the Sub-Committee following the May elections and subsequent change in Committee Structure of West Dunbartonshire Council. A copy of the new Committee Structure of Council was circulated for information.
- 303 After discussion, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee be renamed the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership.

JOINT LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES PRESENTATION

- 304 The Partnership heard Mr Colin Meehan, Section Head, Learning Disability, West Dunbartonshire Council and Ms Cindy Wallace, Learning Disability Development Manager, Lomond and Argyll NHS Primary Care give a detailed presentation on Joint Learning Disability Services in West Dunbartonshire.
- 305 Following a question and answer session, the Partnership agreed that an update on Joint Learning Disability Services would be heard at a future meeting of the Partnership. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Mr Meehan and Ms Wallace for their informative presentation.

NOTE: Mr Meehan and Ms Wallace left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- 306 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services:-
- (a) advising of the current status of the Local Partnership Agreement submitted to the Scottish Executive on 1 April 2003; and
 - (b) advising of the feedback received by the Scottish Executive on the Local Partnership from the Draft Annual Evaluation Statement 2002/2003 issued on 3 June 2003.
- 307 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services in further explanation and following discussion, it was agreed that each of the Partnership Members would disseminate the Scottish Executive feedback and report back to Partnership agencies including NHS Boards.

BRAIN INJURY SERVICE – DEVELOPMENT

- 308 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval to develop the jointly commissioned Brain Injury Service to meet the needs of people affected by brain injury, including family and carers.
- 309 Having heard the Head of Strategy, the Partnership agreed to develop the Brain Injury Service as outlined in the report.

GOLDENHILL PARENTAL SUPPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

- 310 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for the recommendation of Clydebank Locality Planning and Implementation Group to recruit an Assistant Project Worker to the Goldenhill Parent Support Service.
- 311 Having heard the Head of Strategy, the Partnership agreed that Clydebank Locality Planning & Implementation Group recruit an Assistant Project Worker to the Goldenhill Parent Support Service.

JOINT FUTURE SUPPORT POST HUMAN RESOURCE/ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POST (17.5 HOURS)

- 312 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising the Partnership of progress made in the recruitment of a Human Resources/Organisational Development Post (part-time 17.5 hours) for Older Peoples' Services.
- 313 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services in further explanation the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) that Members should promote the post within each of the Partnership agencies; and
 - (2) to note the progress made in filling this post.

CLOSURE OF WARD 16 AT THE VALE OF LEVEN HOSPITAL

- 314 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the closure of Ward 16 at the Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria which took place on 4 July 2003.
- 315 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) that the Director of Social Work and Housing Services, in consultation with the Chair, write to the Acting Chief Executive of NHS Argyll and Clyde on behalf of the Partnership, if outstanding issues on Resource Transfer (paragraph 3.2 of the above report refers) were not resolved; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL

316 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the National Health Service Reform (Scotland) Bill introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 26 June 2003.

317 Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and after discussion, it was agreed:-

- (1) that an informal session be scheduled to take place in October 2003 to explore the Community Health Partnership proposals;
- (2) that a joint presentation on Community Health Partnerships be heard by both NHS Partners at the informal session; and
- (3) that Councillor Rooney should write to Argyll and Bute Council on behalf of the Partnership to seek a formal viewpoint on the proposed planning of service delivery arrangements for the Helensburgh and Lochside area.

FUTURE MEETINGS

318 Having heard Councillor Rooney, it was agreed that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, would identify suitable dates of future meetings and inform all Members of the Partnership accordingly.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

319 The Chair, in terms of Section 50(B)4(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, decided that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency on the grounds that the action to be taken required early consideration.

ARGYLL & CLYDE MATERNITY SERVICES REVIEW

- 320 Further to the Vale of Leven option being dropped from the consultation process on Maternity Services within Argyll and Clyde, and after discussion, it was agreed that a presentation on Maternity Services be heard at the next meeting of the Partnership.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.