

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Social Work Services

Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 22 November 2006

Subject: Macmillan Carers Service

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The Partnership is advised of the Macmillan Carers Service Report submitted to the Social Justice Committee on 9th November 2006.
- 1.2** The report provides an update of the development of the service, and the decision of Macmillan Cancer Support to extend the funding of the service for a further 2 years.

2. Background

- 2.1** Macmillan Cancer Support initially provided funding to develop a flexible and responsive service for cancer patients and their carers in the Lomond area in 2002.
- 2.2** Building on the success of the service, Macmillan Cancer Support has provided additional funding for the Clydebank area, and extended the period of funding across the authority until 2008.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Macmillan Carers Service is provided, supported and jointly managed by social work, health and Macmillan Cancer Support, with West Dunbartonshire Council as the host organisation in terms of base and budget.
- 3.2** As a result of current funding there is equity of access to the service and consistency in the volume of service available to those who receive carer support.
- 3.3** The objectives and development of the service are detailed in the body of the report to the Social Justice Committee.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** In order to achieve flexibility some sessional staff have been employed in addition to the contracted staff who work regular hours.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The additional funding of £165,000 from Macmillan Cancer Support will ensure that the service continues across West Dunbartonshire Council for 2 years.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** The Partnership is asked to note that the termination dates for funding have been aligned for Clydebank and Lomond.
- 6.2** Future funding streams require to be identified and explored in relation to long term provision of the service.

7. Recommendations

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

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Background Papers: Macmillan Carers Service report to the 9th November Social Justice Committee.

Wards Affected: All council Wards.