

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

Community Health & Care Partnership: 22nd August 2012

Subject: Proposed Response to Scottish Government Consultation on Integrated Health and Adult Social Care Partnerships.

1 Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to present the Committee with a response by the CHCP to the Scottish Government's formal consultation on its proposals to legislate to integrate health and adult social care services.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1** The CHCP Committee is recommended to approve the attached response for submission to the national consultation process.

3 Background

- 3.1** The CHCP Committee was previously presented with a paper at its June 2012 meeting that summarised the Scottish Government's proposals to integrating health and adult social care and the national consultation that it had initiated.
- 3.2** At that meeting Committee agreed that the CHCP Director should prepare a detailed set of draft responses to the questions in the consultation; and that the draft response be circulated to all members of the CHCP Committee and all other elected members of the Council by mid July for comment. The drafted response has been shared more widely both to highlight key issues for and stimulate constructive discussion amongst staff and other key stakeholders, most notably the Professional Advisory Group, Staff Partnership Forum and Public Partnership Forum.
- 3.3** These actions have been completed, and a final version of the proposed response has been appended to this report for Committee to consider and approve for submission ahead of the now revised consultation deadline of 11th September 2012.

4 Main Issues

- 4.1** As an already fully integrated health and social care partnership, West Dunbartonshire CHCP is particularly well-placed to comment on the national proposals, reflective of our local experience of working to realise the benefits of integration in practice.
- 4.2** Our local arrangements and related experiences have formed the basis for the views expressed in the appended response, including the clear logic for

the managerial responsibilities of the new partnerships being wholly inclusive of health and social care across all age groups (as is the case in our current span of services).

- 4.3** As Committee will recall, it is likely that whatever the details of the final legislation, they will require a refresh of local arrangements - most notably in relation to finance and governance. Experience to-date would indicate that any actions eventually required locally would be undertaken sensibly and smoothly. Moreover, given the work already done here, the CHCP should be in a robust position to implement the eventual requirements without further restructuring.

5 People Implications

- 5.1** There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** No risk assessment was necessary to accompany this report.

8 Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

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Appendices: Proposed Submission to National Consultation by West
Dunbartonshire CHCP.

Background Papers: Integration of Adult Health and Social Care in Scotland
Consultation Proposals
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/IntegrationAdultHealthSocialCare>

Wards Affected: All