

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Director of Social Work Services

### Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 17 May 2006

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**Subject: Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework (JPIAF) 2005 / 2006**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** This report advises the Partnership of the requirement to submit our Annual Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework (JPIAF) return to the Scottish Executive by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006.
- 1.2** The draft return is appended to this report, although it should be noted that the information in the return reflects work completed up to 21 April 2006 in order to achieve Committee timescales. The final submission on 19 May is therefore likely to have been amended from this current version. The finalised submission will be available to Partnership members at the meeting on 17 May 2006.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** The JPIAF was developed to measure the benefits of joint working after the implementation of the Joint Future policy across Scotland. Originally the JPIAF was designed to measure progress in the development of NHS and local authority structures, and on that basis it focused on processes.
- 2.2** Over the past few years there has been a shift of focus towards outcomes for people, as evidenced primarily in Local Improvement Targets (JPIAF 11), and summarised in the whole systems indicator (JPIAF 10) which brings together performance data for a number of areas that are intended to measure the overall functioning of complex systems.
- 2.3** Once the submission has been made on 19 May 2006, it will be evaluated by the Scottish Executive, and an Annual Evaluation Statement will be issued. We expect this to be finalised by autumn 2006.

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

- 3.1** Some of the key performance areas for the JPIAF include delayed hospital discharge, emergency hospital admissions and multiple emergency hospital admissions, and in West Dunbartonshire our performance on all of these indicators has fallen below our aspirations. We believe that high levels of unplanned hospital admissions may be due at least in part to higher than average levels of deprivation and the resultant health inequalities that have been shown to be associated.

- 3.2** The reasons for our high number of delayed discharges are explored in a separate paper presented to this meeting of the Partnership.
- 3.3** A report has previously been submitted to the Partnership on the subject of Capacity Planning and Balance of Care, which was well received. Work is progressing satisfactorily in the development of this, which should assist in the management, and resourcing of both NHS long stay beds and Care Home places.
- 3.4** Homecare services continue to be enhanced and developed and good progress has been made particularly in the provision of services.
- 3.5** Progress continues to be made with SSA (Single Shared Assessment) despite the lack of appropriate electronic information systems.
- 3.6** A Development Programme has been developed and this will address key priority areas, which include the following:
- Joint Future e.g. West Dunbartonshire wide Older People's Strategy Group
  - Delayed Discharge Action Planning
  - Capacity Planning and Balance of Care
  - Homecare
  - Rehabilitation
  - Carers
  - Falls Prevention
  - Older People's Health Improvement
  - Support to Care Home Residents
  - Performance Assessment Framework

Good progress has been made and update reports will be presented to the Partnership.

- 3.7** Local Improvement Target's require to be developed (and reported) for the financial year 2006 / 2007 in respect of all Community Care Groups.

Significant progress has been made in the establishment of these and this should enable the Partnership to more effectively measure the Outcomes for / to all Service Users.

Community Care Groups which now have established Local Improvement Target's include the following:

- Older People
- Learning Disability
- Adult Mental Health
- Addictions
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Physical Disability

- Sensory Impairment
- Welfare Rights
- Equipment and Adaptations (in progress)

We believe our Targets are challenging, and they will assist in the delivery of a better quality of service to vulnerable people in West Dunbartonshire Council.

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

- 4.1** The Local Improvement Targets set out within the JPIAF return will be challenging. However there appear to be no direct issues in terms of staffing levels.

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

- 5.1** The targets demand that we retain a clear focus on managing existing budgets. However we hope to achieve the outcomes described within existing financial budgets.

#### **6. Conclusions**

- 6.1** The JPIAF return offers an opportunity for us to take stock of our local joint working and articulate our progress over the past year, as well as our planned future direction.

#### **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1** The Partnership is asked to consider the report, and to make comment to the Director of Social Work Services.
- 7.2** The Partnership is asked to instruct the Joint Strategy Group (Community Care) to submit the finalised return by the due date of 19 May 2006.

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**Background Papers:** Scottish Executive Health Department letter of 23 February 2006.

**Wards Affected:** All council Wards.