

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Director of Social Work Services

Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 22 November 2006

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**Subject: Integrated Care Planning for Addiction Services**

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The attached report provides an overview of Care Planning for individuals with addiction issues and highlights, for the committee, national recognition through the Scottish Executive's Improvement Service, including an investment of £50,000.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 Those involved in supporting individuals with addiction issues regularly draw together a broad range of services to meet client needs. This is achieved through the establishment of a *Care Plan*, developed directly with the individual.
- 2.2 Co-ordinating services relies upon structures to develop and monitor the Care Plan over time, and it relies upon partner agencies working together.

### 3. Main Issues

- 3.1 In line with guidance from the Effective Interventions Unit (EIU) (*Integrated Care Pathways for Drug Users*, October 2002), West Dunbartonshire partners have modelled addiction services around a Care Pathway approach.
- 3.2 The key to connecting the range of services for any individual is a single *Care Plan*, developed with the client and all relevant services.
- 3.3 Care Planning in West Dunbartonshire will be developed with a one-off development award from the Scottish Executive's Improvement Service.

### 4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There will be a short-term administrative post created.

### 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 These are additional funds.

## 6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drug Forum will continue to develop the integration of care planning across partner agencies, to ensure a co-ordinated and efficient response to individual need.
- 6.2 This one-off investment by the Improvement Service will allow the pace of development to quicken.

## 7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The Partnership is asked to note details of the attached report, which was presented to the West Dunbartonshire Social Justice Committee on 8 November.

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**Background Papers:**

- None

**Wards Affected:** All wards