

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

15 December 2010

Subject: Social Work Inspection Agency Follow Up Inspection

1. Purpose

1.1 This report is to briefly inform Members of the outcome of our recent follow-up inspection by the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA). A full report with an action plan will follow.

2. Background

2.1 This follow-up inspection was carried out in October 2010 and focussed on the 13 recommendations made in the performance inspection in 2009 and the progress made with each one. It was carried out by four inspectors over two days.

2.2 Since publication of the original report, SWIA have carried out two monitoring visits, and a final progress report and supporting evidence was prepared in advance of the visit.

2.3 The inspection consisted of nine focus groups or meetings with a variety of staff and some service users.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The report found that there had been good progress on most of the recommendations with five being fully met and substantial progress on a further four. There were none where there had been no progress.

3.2 Good progress had been made on developing on:

- outcomes approach to both working with people and service planning;
- strengthening the focus of work within Criminal Justice Services;
- developing a clear joint service with NHSGGC.

3.3 More work was needed to:

- develop a strategic approach to delivering self directed care; and
- complete the work on developing commissioning strategies across all care groups.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The report gives much positive encouragement and we shall continue to work on the remaining issues.

4.2 A full report with an action plan will be submitted to the next Committee.

5. People Implications

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

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

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Wards Affected: All