

## HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

At a Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 22 November 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Martin Rooney (West Dunbartonshire Council); Keith Redpath (Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership) and David Dowie, Operations Manager (Communities Scotland).

**Attending:** **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Bill Clark, Director of Social Work Services, Lynne McKnight, Section Head – Home Care, Mike Foley, Strategy Officer – Mental Health and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

**Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership:**  
William Pook, Joint Finance Officer.

**Also Attending:** Paul McToal, Chair of Clydebank Mental Health Forum and Harry McCormack, Chair of Dumbarton and District Mental Health Forum and Isabel Plunkett, Social Worker, Department of Social Work Services.

**Apologies:** Councillors Andy White and Jim Flynn (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Rani Dhir (Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board).

### Councillor Rooney in the Chair

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 10656 The Minutes of Meeting of the Partnership held on 9 August 2006 were submitted and approved as a correct record.
- 10657 Having heard Councillor Rooney, the Partnership noted that Mr Bobby Jones, Health Improvement Officer was recovering well following serious surgery and was keen to return to work. It was noted that Mr Jones was grateful for the Partnership's good wishes.
- 10658 It was further noted that Mr David Dowie's wife had recovered following a recent illness and Mr Dowie thanked the Partnership for their good wishes on behalf of his wife.

### CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 10659 The Convener, Councillor Rooney, welcomed everyone present and, thereafter, he introduced and welcomed Mr Paul McToal, Chairman of Clydebank Mental Health Forum, Harry McCormack, Chairman of Dumbarton Mental Health Forum and Isobel Plunkett, Social Worker, Department of Social Work Services to the meeting.
- 10660 Councillor Rooney congratulated Bill Clark on his recent appointment as 'Director of Social Work Services' and acknowledged the improvement to services over the years in the Department of Social Work Services.

### VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 10661 Having heard the Convener, the Partnership agreed that the order of business be varied as hereinafter recorded.

### MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

- 10662 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing information on the outcome of a key local conference to promote positive mental health and well being and to develop the concept of mental health recovery in West Dunbartonshire.
- 10663 The Partnership heard Mr McToal and Mr McCormack give an overview of the Conference. It was noted that the Conference was organised by West Dunbartonshire Mental Health Awareness Group and was attended by over 100 mental health service users, carers and Council, NHS and voluntary sector staff.
- 10664 It was further noted that the conference saw the launch of a key research study carried out by Outside of the Box Development Support Limited which looked at the key factors that keep people well and how services can support people's recovery.
- 10665 A booklet entitled 'Supporting People's Mental Health and Wellbeing' and a handout entitled "'Recovery" in Mental Health – Dalmuir Barclay Church Hall' were distributed to Members of the Partnership.
- 10666 Having heard the Strategy Officer, Mental Health in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the extensive partnership work undertaken by consumers and staff in bringing this milestone event together;
  - (2) to note the contribution to community capacity building by the recovery approach; and

(3) that the Director of Social Work Services bring forward progress reports on further developments.

10667 The Convener, Councillor Rooney, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked Mr McToal and Mr McCormack for their informative presentation and wished them well in future funding bids to continue their work.

### **CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF CARE COMMISSION INSPECTIONS**

10668 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing information on the Care Commission's consultation paper which proposes a reduction in the minimum frequency of inspections for certain care services from 1 April 2007.

10669 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in further explanation, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report and endorse the proposals being put forward by the Care Commission.

### **REPORT ON STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2005/06 AND QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2006 – COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES**

10670 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing an update on Social Work Performance for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006.

10671 In line with Scottish Executive Best Value Guidance and Audit Scotland recommendations, the report provided information for elected members and stakeholders as part of wider Public Performance Reporting.

10672 Having heard the Convener, Councillor Rooney, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report.

### **IMPROVED SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CARERS**

10673 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing information on the work, completed and ongoing, carried out by Social Work Services in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support to address cancer poverty in West Dunbartonshire.

10674 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to support the aims and outcomes of the joint working with Macmillan Cancer Support and the initiatives contained within the report.

### **BENEFITS TAKE-UP CAMPAIGN FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

- 10675 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing information on the need for a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of maximising income for older people through benefit up-take and, in particular, to help eliminate fuel poverty to ensure the lives of older people in West Dunbartonshire are more comfortable and secure.
- 10676 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to accept the proposal and to support the campaign in order to widen its appeal to older people in our communities.

### **MACMILLAN CARERS SERVICE**

- 10677 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the development of the Macmillan Carers Service and the decision of Macmillan Cancer Support to extend the funding of the service for a further 2 years.
- 10678 Having heard the Section Head - Home Care in further explanation the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report.

### **INTEGRATED CARE PLANNING FOR ADDICTION SERVICES**

- 10679 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing an overview of Care Planning for individuals with addiction issues and highlighting national recognition through the Scottish Executive's Improvement Service, including an investment of £50,000.
- 10680 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in elaboration, the Partnership agreed to note the details of the appended report which had been presented to the Social Justice Committee on 8 November 2006.

### **TELECARE BID – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE**

- 10681 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing information on the Council's bid for telecare funding from the Scottish Executive.
- 10682 Having heard the Section Head - Home Care and the Director of the Community Health Partnership in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the position regarding the submission of the telecare bid to the Scottish Executive.

### **CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORTS**

- 10683 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services summarising three inspection reports received from the Care Commission on Care Homes for Older People managed by West Dunbartonshire Council.
- 10684 Having heard the Convener in explanation of the report, the Partnership agreed to note the report.

### **RESPONSE TO THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR REHABILITATION**

- 10685 A joint report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services and the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership Director providing information on the response submitted to the Scottish Executive on the draft Framework for Rehabilitation on 31 October 2006.
- 10686 Following discussion and having heard the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of the Community Health Partnership in further explanation, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report and the response to the consultation document which had been submitted.

### **REDUCING UNPLANNED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND RE-ADMISSIONS: JOINT IMPROVEMENT TEAM WORKSHOP SEMINAR– 18 SEPTEMBER 2006**

- 10687 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the Joint Improvement Team Workshop Seminar which took place at the Beardmore Hotel on 18 September 2006.
- 10688 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of the Community Health Partnership in further explanation, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the work that had already taken place with the Joint Improvement Team; and
  - (2) to instruct the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership to submit an update, including a workplan, to a future meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership.

### **DELAYED DISCHARGE PERFORMANCE**

- 10689 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the report on Delayed Discharge Performance submitted to the Social Justice Committee on 8 November 2006.

10690 Following discussion, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report.

**JOINT PERFORMANCE INFORMATION & ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK  
(JPIAF) – ANNUAL EVALUATION STATEMENTS 2005 – 2006**

10691 A joint report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership providing an update on the Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework 2005 – 2006 and the draft Annual Evaluation Statement issued by the Scottish Executive on 4 August 2006.

10692 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services, the Director of the Community Health Partnership and the Joint Finance Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the report; and
- (2) to note the contents of the correspondence from the Scottish Executive attached to the report.

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE  
JOINT FUTURE PLANNING STRUCTURE**

10693 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the annual review of the Joint Planning Structure.

10694 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in further explanation of the report, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the review.

**PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL AND  
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AS A  
PARTNER IN THE JOINT EQUIPMENT STORE OPERATED BY GREATER  
GLASGOW INDEPENDENT LIVING EQUIPMENT SERVICE (GGILES)**

10695 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the report on Proposed Membership of West Dunbartonshire Council as a Partner in the Joint Equipment Store operated by Greater Glasgow Independent Living Equipment Service (GGILES) approved at the meeting of the Social Justice Committee on 13 September 2006.

10696 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services, the Director of the Community Health Partnership and the Joint Finance Officer in further explanation of the report, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the report;
- (2) to confirm the agreement that West Dunbartonshire Council becomes a partner within GGILES from 1 April 2007; and
- (3) to note that further progress reports on the integration process will be presented to the Partnership for review.

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

- 10697 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing an update of the departmental Continuing Professional Development Policy.
- 10698 Following discussion, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **SOCIAL WORK SERVICES QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

- 10699 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services providing details of the timescaled implementation plan for all social work services to be accredited with a recognised quality management scheme by December 2008, as approved in the Quality Management Systems Policy at the Social Justice Committee in October 2005.
- 10700 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services and following discussion, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **CHANGE TO DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 10701 Due to the cycle of the Committee Timetable for 2007, the Partnership agreed a re-scheduled date for the next meeting:-
- 10702 Wednesday, 21 February 2007 at 2.00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.
- 10703 The Partnership agreed to note that the meeting of the Partnership scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 16 May 2007 will be re-scheduled after the May 2007 elections.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.