

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

At a Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 16 February 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Martin Rooney, Jim Flynn and Andy White* (West Dunbartonshire Council); Andrew Robertson, (Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust and NHS Board); Karen Murray* (Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde Board) and Rev Ian Miller* (Divisional Chair, NHS Argyll and Clyde Board).

* Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Bobby Jones, Lead Officer – Health Improvement; Stephen West, Manager of Resources and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

Health Improvement & Social Justice Partnership: Helen Watson, Joint Strategy Officer and William Pook, Joint Finance Officer.

Greater Glasgow NHS: Alex MacKenzie, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Care.

Argyll and Clyde NHS: Kay Eastwood (Director of Nursing, Lomond and Argyll Primary Care Trust, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde).

Apologies: David Dowie (Operations Manager, Communities Scotland).

Councillor Rooney in the Chair

5067 The Convener, Councillor Rooney, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and, thereafter, he introduced Mr Stephen West, Manager of Resources, Department of Social Work Services to those present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (a) The Minutes of Meeting of the Partnership held on 17 November 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

- (b) The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Partnership held on 14 December 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S DIRECT PAYMENTS SCHEME

- 5068 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the current position with regard to the Direct Payments Scheme.
- 5069 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 - EXPENDITURE

- 5070 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services seeking approval of actions to implement the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.
- 5071 Having heard the Head of Strategy in further explanation of the report and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (a) to approve revenue expenditure of £228K in 2004/2005 and £238K in 2005/2006 and thereafter to 2007/2008 and capital expenditure of £34K in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 for the purposes outlined by the Scottish Executive to enable Council to meet its new duties and responsibilities under the 2003 Act; and
- (b) to request the Director of Social Work Services to bring forward progress reports on how the new Act is being implemented.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - PROPOSED WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

- 5072 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the current position regarding the West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership (CHP).
- 5073 Having heard Councillor Rooney, it was noted that in relation to the report which had been submitted to the meeting of Council on 2 February 2005 (Page 1422, paragraph 4969 refers), the Council had agreed to support the undernoted motion:-
- 5074 This Council supports 'in principle' the development of a West Dunbartonshire-wide Community Health Partnership (CHP) as a positive step towards improved NHS integration between the two Health Boards.

- 5075 This Council agrees the development of the CHP in line with the Statutory Guidance, building on existing Joint Future arrangements.
- 5076 This means that the existing Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership would remain in place, and would be the key interface between the Council and the CHP.
- 5077 The Director of Social Work Services is instructed to agree, in conjunction with the Administration's spokesperson for Social Work, a scheme of Establishment with the two NHS Boards in line with this motion.
- 5078 The Director of Social Work Services becomes a full member of the management team of the CHP, retaining current reporting lines to the Council operating with the Council's Scheme of Delegation.
- 5079 Following discussion, the Partnership agreed to note the report.

SANDYFORD INITIATIVE CONSULTATION

- 5080 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services informing of the response to the proposals contained in the "Sandyford Initiative" consultation and seeking the Partnership's endorsement of its views.
- 5081 Having heard the Convener, Councillor Rooney, and the Assistant Director of Planning and Community Care, Greater Glasgow NHS Board in response to the report, the Partnership agreed:-
- (a) to endorse the feedback to inform the consultation on re-design of services; and
 - (b) to ask the CHP Steering Group to develop options for a West Dunbartonshire-wide service.

Note: Councillor Andy White entered the meeting at this point in proceedings.

HEALTH PROTECTION SCOTLAND

- 5082 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services informing of changing arrangements for health protection in Scotland.
- 5083 Having heard the Head of Strategy in further explanation of the report, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the proposals as contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

HEALTH SCOTLAND CORPORATE PLAN

- 5084 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of feedback on the NHS Scotland consultation on their Corporate Plan 2005-2008.
- 5085 The Partnership agreed to note and endorse the collated feedback as contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

Note: Rev Ian Miller entered the meeting at this point in proceedings.

CONNECT 2 WD: A DIRECTORY FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY

- 5086 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the development of an information resource on services in West Dunbartonshire for children affected by disability and their families.
- 5087 Sample copies of the directory were distributed to Members for information.
- 5088 Having heard Councillor Rooney and the Director of Social Work Services in further explanation of the report and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (a) to thank the children involved with the Disabilities Team for their involvement in producing the graphics and illustrations contained within the Directory; and
 - (b) to note the development of the Directory as a significant resource for children's services in West Dunbartonshire.

Note: Karen Murray entered the meeting at this point in proceedings.

CHOOSE LIFE FUND

- 5089 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services seeking approval for expenditure of the remaining Choose Life Fund resources.
- 5090 Having heard the Head of Strategy and the Lead Officer – Health Improvement in further explanation of the report, the Partnership agreed:-
- (a) to approve the spending plan outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
 - (b) to request the Director of Social Work Services to bring forward progress reports on the Choose Life Fund.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE

- 5091 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services outlining the progress the Council has made in managing the Supporting People grant reduction and mainstream budget savings which have resulted from Ministerial and Scottish Executive decisions to cut the Council's Supporting People Grant Allocation.
- 5092 Having heard the Convener, Councillor Rooney, and the Head of Strategy in elaboration of the report and following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (a) the action points identified in Section 6 of the report to review jointly the consequences of Supporting People Grant cuts and manage the longer term implications of the reduced levels of Supporting People funding;
 - (b) that a revised Supporting People Strategy be prepared to help Joint Future Planning structures, partners, providers and users and carers to influence the focus and levels of services funded by Supporting People;
 - (c) to seek further reports on the impact of the Supporting People grant reductions, as necessary; and
 - (d) otherwise to note the report.

The meeting closed at 2.55 p.m.