

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

Community Health & Care Partnership: 2 February 2011

Subject: Delivering Better Outcomes And Use Of Joint Resources – National Evaluation of Community Health Partnerships

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report highlights the recently published *Delivering Better Outcomes and Use of Joint Resources* Report (2010 - attached), which both summarises the findings of the Community Health Partnership (CHP) study published in May 2010 and outlines how the Scottish Government will work with its partners to support the further development of CHPs.

2. Background

- 2.1 The CHP study was carried out by Blake Stevenson for the Scottish Government between February 2009 and March 2010. It reviewed overall progress and identified areas of success and areas for improvement. The study re-affirmed the critical role of CHPs in delivering better outcomes for individuals and communities through joint working between partners; and underscored that it will be through the actions taken by primary, community and social care practitioners, working in localities, that NHS Boards and Local Authorities will be able to improve services for communities with fewer resources.
- 2.2 The published Scottish Government response to that study reflects the impact of other streams of work on the future development of CHPs, both published (e.g. the Delivering Quality in Primary Care National Action Plan) and anticipated (e.g. the Audit Scotland Review of CHPs expected in 2011). It also reflects the increasing focus on the benefits of integration between health and social care, set within the broader public sector reform agenda.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The attached paper highlights a range of key issues that are of relevance to the continued organisational and strategic development of West Dunbartonshire CHCP.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 No risk assessment was necessary to accompany this report.

7. Equalities Impact

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

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The CHCP Committee is asked to note this Report and the contents of the attached paper.

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Appendices: Delivering Better Outcomes And Use Of Joint Resources
– National Evaluation of Community Health Partnerships

Background Papers: Study of Community Health Partnerships:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/05/06171600/17>
Delivering Quality in Primary Care National Action Plan:
implementing the Healthcare Quality Strategy for
NHSScotland:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/08/16120707/0>

Wards Affected: All