

**PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM MEETING  
BURGH HALL, DUMBARTON  
WEDNESDAY 07 MARCH 2012**

**DRAFT MINUTE**

**Present:**

Lorraine MacKenzie (Vice Chair)	Barbara Barnes	Irene Smith
John White	Anne Ferguson	Muriel Robertson
Anne Cruickshank	Ian Petrie	Lily Kennedy
Anne Meikle	Mary McAleer	Eileen Holmes
Margaret McLaren	May McHugh	Janette Sweeting
George Murphy (WDCHCP)	Rhona Young	Max Agnew (WDCHCP)
Margaret Walker (WDCHCP)	Selina Ross (WDCVS)	
Soumen Sengupta (WDCHCP)		

**Welcome and Apologies**

A warm welcome was extended by the Vice Chair, Lorraine MacKenzie. Apologies were recorded from Anne MacDougall and Anne Clegg.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

These were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting of 11 January 2012.

**Presentation – NHSGGC Corporate Plan (Margaret Walker)**

Margaret Walker gave a brief overview of the current NHSGGC Corporate Plan consultation. The presentation noted the overall aim to ensure citizens live longer healthier lives at home or in a homely setting; and highlighted some of the challenges underlying that objective. Responses to the consultation should be sent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Thanks were extended to Margaret Walker for her presentation.

**Presentation - Older People's Consultation Report (Soumen Sengupta)**

Soumen Sengupta outlined the key messages arising from the recent older people's consultation undertaken during 2011/12. Analysis of the findings showed that 80% of residents highlighted that services which allowed them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible was the key priority. The consultation highlighted some anxieties around the process of living older, the need for a sense of independence and the retaining of that independence and the high value which is placed on local services. It was also noted that accessibility of all community services was an important factor, not only focussing on those targeted at older residents. He expressed his appreciation to PPF members for their contributions to the consultation; and confirmed that the findings were already been used to inform on-going work and plans for the future. Thanks were extended to Soumen Sengupta for his presentation.

### **Care Home Standards Update (Max Agnew)**

Max Agnew gave a brief overview of the new care home standards, monitored through the Care Inspectorate, and the position in relation to care homes within West Dunbartonshire (both those operated by the CHCP and those managed by the independent providers). He outlined the care home gradings and explained that all care homes were subject to an annual unannounced inspection. Copies of inspection reports can be viewed on-line or by contacting Max Agnew. Thanks were extended to Max Agnew for his participation.

### **Self Directed Support Act (SDSA)**

Lorraine MacKenzie highlighted her concerns regarding the new Self Directed Support Act (SDSA) and the potential negative effects on those reliant on support services in the community. Members agreed this was a matter for concern and noted the conflicting demands on the finite budgets facing the public sector. John White informed the meeting of a piece of joint work involving Stepping Stones and Grampian Opportunities in conjunction with Outside the Box investigating the effect of SDSA on service provision. He agreed to provide information to PPF members as the work continued.

### **New Health & Care Centre**

Soumen Sengupta informed the meeting that the Scottish Government has now agreed the funding required for the centre build. Work would commence in April 2012 with a 55 week build time, opening in Summer 2013. Following a consultative exercise (to which the PPF had contributed), he was also able to now confirm that the new name for the centre is to be the Vale Centre for Health and Care. Thanks were recorded to everyone for their support and assistance in the project. It was noted that ongoing consultation with the PPF and other groups would be undertaken during the process of the build also.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Vale Monitoring Group**

Soumen Sengupta informed the meeting that with the agreement of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, the Vale Monitoring Group had now completed its remit and disbanded. It has however been agreed that ongoing information and reports regarding the progress of the Vision for the Vale would be fed in through the CHCP committee and the PPF on a quarterly basis. Soumen Sengupta highlighted his keenness to engage with PPF members to ensure that the format and style of the monitoring report was fit-for-purpose; and that appropriate colleagues from mental health services and the NHSGGC Acute Division attend PPF meetings at which monitoring reports are brought in order to participate in discussions.

#### **CHCP Committee**

George Murphy, on behalf of Anne MacDougall, gave a brief feedback on the previous meeting.

#### **Communications & Engagement Group**

Margaret Walker gave a brief update of the last meeting of the group, which considered the NHSGGC corporate plan, website updates, CHCP approach to social media and the forthcoming WDC citizens' panel survey.

### **District Nursing Review**

Information having been previously circulated, the meeting briefly discussed the review process, noting its support for the district nursing service.

### **Correspondence from WD Carers Forum**

George Murphy read to the meeting correspondence received from the Carers Forum requesting consideration of the alteration of the time of the PPF meeting to allow carers of young families to better attend and raise issues. The meeting supported the need to ensure broad access and consideration of a wide variety of agenda items but noted that previous alterations to meeting times had not proved successful in attracting members. It was noted that the CHCP currently engages with the young families group 8 times per year to address their needs particularly. It was agreed to re-visit the matter of timing of meetings at the annual development session in May.

### **AOCB**

#### **PPF Agenda**

Some members expressed concern that the fullness of the agenda had not allowed sufficient time for discussion. It was agreed to look at this further.

### **Transport**

Rhona Young informed the meeting of proposed improvements to Hyndland station and reminded members that GP patient transport referral was available for any trips to hospital requiring more than one hour travel time. She also reminded members that the Thistle travel card was now obsolete and that a 'safe journey' card was available for downloading from the internet.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting: 16 May 2012 (the Annual Review)