

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 27TH FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT ON: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 80-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report outlines Scottish Government's proposals in respect of a more integrated approach to Health and Social Care for older people. A similar report has recently been considered by NHS Tayside.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

2.2 Committee agrees the Chief Executive brings forward proposals at a later date.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications at this stage.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

On 15 December 2011 the Scottish Parliament held a debate on the "Integration of Health and Social Care". In the debate the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy set out the Government's clear commitment to improving health and social care outcomes initially for older people and outlined the proposals for reform to assist in achieving these outcomes.

The Cabinet Secretary announced the Government's intention to bring about a radical transformation of Community Health Partnerships - currently a sub-committee of NHS Boards, to be replaced by health and social care partnerships that are the joint and equal responsibility of the NHS and local government. Key elements of this change will be:

- a set of nationally agreed outcomes. These will initially focus on improving older people's care and are set to include measures such as reducing delayed discharges, reducing unplanned admissions to hospital and increasing the number of older people who live in their own home rather than a care home or hospital.
- an integrated budget starting with older people "where money comes from, be it health or social care, will no longer be of consequence";
- direct line of accountability via the Chief Executives of the health board and local authorities to Ministers and Council Leaders;
- partnerships will be expected to publish regular progress reports for public scrutiny.

Legislation will be introduced to replace CHPs with Health and Social Care Committees. This is likely to be on the statute books in 2013.

Current Position

Within Dundee, there is history of joint and single management arrangements. Our partnership will be further strengthened by the co-location of the Council's Community Care Services and Community Health Partnership staff in Claverhouse Offices later this year.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted in preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Equality Impact Assessment.

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