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Subject: HSCP JOINT EQUIPMENT LOAN SERVICE – EQUIPMENT
RECYCLING

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Integration Joint Board members of the HSCP's performance in respect of recycling equipment purchased by the Joint Equipment Loan Service for supply to local people following assessment. The paper is further to queries raised by members at the IJB meeting on 12th June 2017.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 In 2016/17 the Joint Equipment Loan Service (the Joint Store) supplied over 7,000 pieces of equipment to 4,000 Inverclyde residents. In the financial year 16/17, the service recycled 4248 pieces of equipment with a value of £739,879.14. The costs of recycling this equipment equate to around £60,000 pa representing excellent value for money when comparing return on investment.
- 2.2 Over the last 5 years the service has recycled 18,095 pieces of equipment which is equivalent to the value of £3,558,233.66. The service was also able to recycle a small number of adaptations.
- 2.3 The majority of decontamination of equipment is done in-house; in 2016-17 the service spent £10,135 outsourcing cleaning to a commercial contractor. The service is actively exploring the potential to undertake more decontamination in-house, thus further reducing costs.
- 2.4 The core staffing establishment of the Joint Equipment Loan Service is 5.5 full time equivalent officers. The establishment is complemented by Future Jobs and Community Payback placements. The service is actively exploring the potential to offer work placements for local people with Learning Disabilities.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Integration Joint Board members note the excellent performance of the Joint Equipment Loan Service in relation to equipment recycling over the last 5 years.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Joint Equipment Loan Service (the Joint Store)

The Joint Equipment Loan Service (the Joint Store) is based at Inverclyde Centre for Independent Living in Greenock. The store loans equipment to support people who have frailty and/or disability in order to allow them to live safely and as independently as possible within their own homes. It also supplies equipment to support carers to provide safe systems of care.

4.2 Service User Profile

There has been an increase in the demand and complexity of equipment and adaptation solutions to support the population of Inverclyde over the years giving rise for close scrutiny around using finite resources to meet need.

4.3 Service Activity

In the financial year 2016 -17, the service responded to over 4,000 requests for equipment loan to Inverclyde residents with around 7,000 pieces of equipment issued.

4.4 Adaptations

Where adaptations can be recycled, they are. The main adaptations that are recycled are tracking hoist systems, modular ramps and, on occasion, stairlifts (fitted in social housing). There are several barriers which prevent recycling of adaptations, however.

Many adaptations are prescribed specifically to the environment they are fitted within or prescribed with specific functions related to an individual's need. As such, they are not suitable to recycle. Many adaptations require planning permission and building warrant and as such specific requirements may be that they are not suitable for recycling. Where the adaptation has been funded through a Scheme of Assistance Grant the adaptation belongs to the home owner, so cannot be brought back into the service for re-issue. There are also limitations in respect of storage space within the Joint Store limiting recycling of adaptations.

4.5 Volume of Equipment Recycled

The following table demonstrates the volume of equipment recycled over a 5 year period showing an increase in the number of pieces of equipment recycled. It should be noted that not all physiotherapy equipment is recorded on the system from which this report is pulled, so it is an indication and not exhaustive.

Sum of Quantity Equipment Category	Fin. Year					Grand Total
	2012- 2013	2013- 2014	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	
Bariatric	8	10	9	12	10	49
Bathing Beds & Associated Equipment	466	517	489	533	588	2593
Moving & Handling Equipment	810	913	897	1321	1280	5221
Paediatric			12	2	1	15
Physio		1	27	16	31	75
Pressure Care	517	422	493	553	520	2505
Seating	335	345	322	342	412	1756

Small Aids	19	49	32	116	115	331
Toileting	520	659	612	623	696	3110
Grand Total	3076	3403	3388	3980	4248	18095

4.6 Value of Equipment Recycled

The table below outlines the value of equipment recycled based on cost to re-purchase the equipment.

Please note in 2016-17 there has been a refresh of some pressure care equipment as much of the previous stock had come to end of lifespan. The new stock has greater functionality, is more reliable and may not require changing as often so results in a reduction in the number of pieces of equipment breaking down and requiring repair and recycling.

The value of equipment that the service recycled in 2016-17 was just under £740,000. The service has recycled in excess of £3.55 million worth of equipment in the last 5 years.

Sum of Line Value	Value					
Row Labels	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Grand Total
Bariatric	£6,247.50	£661.00	£671.00	£2,779.00	£2,039.00	£12,397.50
Bathing	£27,400.10	£29,249.62	£24,427.62	£26,690.33	£38,578.30	£146,345.97
Beds & associated Equipment	£154,996.76	£174,293.19	£170,233.21	£221,101.12	£204,570.57	£925,194.85
Moving and Handling Equipment	£113,453.38	£126,382.68	£126,839.98	£111,197.40	£144,554.84	£622,428.28
Pressure Care	£310,910.00	£275,969.00	£328,977.00	£400,502.00	£283,859.00	£1,600,217.00
Seating	£24,808.84	£31,204.58	£28,779.54	£37,395.97	£48,000.63	£170,189.56
Small Aids	£304.57	£540.97	£294.23	£1,075.89	£1,012.08	£3,227.74
Toileting	£13,820.62	£16,713.19	£15,006.87	£15,427.36	£17,264.72	£78,232.76
Grand Total	£651,941.77	£655,014.23	£695,229.45	£816,169.07	£739,879.14	£3,558,233.66

4.7 Recycling Costs

The majority of recycling is carried out within the Joint Store. The budget costs associated with this relate to management; admin support to deal with requests and to arrange access to people's homes; staff to uplift soiled equipment, transport it to stores, clean and service it, re-catalogue and store.

The proportion of staffing costs associated with this work is £50,320. The cost of cleaning materials per year for in-house cleaning is around £1,400. The store also utilises 3 vans for equipment delivery and uplifting soiled equipment.

The current provisions of the Joint Store, with limited space and lack of specialist cleaning equipment give rise to the requirement to outsource some of the decontamination work to external providers. In the last financial year, the service spent £10,135.98 on this work. This is likely to increase as the Joint Equipment Loan Service now holds disability equipment for Education Services. Any future redesign of the Joint Store should incorporate a decontamination area and invest in the appropriate equipment to carry out this work to maximise potential efficiencies within the service.

4.8 Staff

Alongside the core staffing complement, the Joint Equipment Loan Service offers placements for Future Jobs and Community Pay Back schemes to support the cleaning and decontamination of equipment. The service is actively exploring

opportunities to create work placements for people who have a Learning Disability.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

FINANCE

5.1 Financial Implications: None

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

LEGAL

5.2 There are no legal issues within this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.3 There are no human resources issues within this report.

EQUALITIES

5.4 There are no equality issues within this report.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
√	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

5.4.1 How does this report address our Equality Outcomes?

The provision of assistive equipment and/or adaptations enables people who have assessed needs for such to remain independent in their own home and community for longer, and have the opportunity to retain choice and control to live actively. Therefore the service discussed in this report helps to address all Equality Outcomes, as listed below.

5.4.1.1 People, including individuals from the above protected characteristic groups, can access HSCP services.

5.4.1.2 Discrimination faced by people covered by the protected characteristics across

HSCP services is reduced if not eliminated.

- 5.4.1.3 People with protected characteristics feel safe within their communities.
- 5.4.1.4 People with protected characteristics feel included in the planning and developing of services.
- 5.4.1.5 HSCP staff understand the needs of people with different protected characteristic and promote diversity in the work that they do.
- 5.4.1.6 Opportunities to support Learning Disability service users experiencing gender based violence are maximised.
- 5.4.1.7 Positive attitudes towards the resettled refugee community in Inverclyde are promoted.

CLINICAL OR CARE GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

5.5 There are no governance issues within this report.

5.6 NATIONAL WELLBEING OUTCOMES

How does this report support delivery of the National Wellbeing Outcomes?

The provision of assistive equipment and/or adaptations enables people who have assessed needs for such to remain independent in their own home and community for longer, and have the opportunity to retain choice and control to live actively. Therefore the service discussed in this report helps to address all National Wellbeing Outcomes, as listed below.

- 5.6.1 People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer.
- 5.6.2 People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions or who are frail are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community.
- 5.6.3 People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected.
- 5.6.4 Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services.
- 5.6.5 Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.
- 5.6.6 People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including reducing any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.
- 5.6.7 People using health and social care services are safe from harm.
- 5.6.8 People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and treatment they provide.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 This report has been prepared by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social

Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consultation with the Independent Living Service.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Nil