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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Health &amp; Social Care Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 August 2021</b>
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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of an exciting initiative for a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, the Scottish Government and Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership. The Improving the Cancer Journey model will deliver key objectives of the Scottish Cancer Plan and other Scottish Government strategies by implementing and Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) model to help better meet the needs of people affected by cancer from the point of diagnosis across Inverclyde.

The ICJ will bring to Inverclyde an investment of £320,000 over a 3 year period which includes employment opportunities for 2-3 people.

- 1.2 This forms part of the new Macmillan and Scottish Government partnership programme called Transforming Cancer Care (TCC). It has been rolled out across Scotland originating in Glasgow City Council and is also in place West Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire & East Dunbartonshire.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 ICJ will reduce the number of points of access for members of the public who have a cancer diagnosis or are affected by cancer, stakeholders and partners. As well as direct advice and support the ICJ will link with community groups and partners such as Inverclyde Leisure to ensure access to services and leisure activities to ensure a holistic response to people's needs. This is in line with the Self-Directed Support and Carers Strategy along with health improvement and supports the Strategic Plan 2019-2024, specifically Big Action 4.
- 2.2 The work around ICJ is timely as we recover from the impact of the COVID pandemic. We are aware, anecdotally that people are coming forward for support with health concerns later in the disease pathway. The increased capacity and role will take away a percentage of activity from the operational teams which allows them to respond to waiting lists built up through and new referrals delayed due to the pandemic.
- 2.3 The ambition is to create a single coordinated pathway which is efficient in supporting people and their families (including Carers and Young Carers) through their individual cancer journey.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To note the agreement to work with Macmillan and Inverclyde partners to implement the Inverclyde Integrated Cancer Journey.
- 3.2 To request annual report that will identify progress of the implementation of ICJ and the impact on peoples outcomes in Inverclyde

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Macmillan Cancer Support, the Scottish Government and Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership to deliver key objectives of the Scottish Cancer Plan and other Scottish Government strategies by implementing an Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) model to help better meet the needs of people affected by cancer from the point of diagnosis across Inverclyde. This offer forms part of the new Macmillan and Scottish Government partnership programme called Transforming Cancer Care (TCC).
- 4.2 Cancer is no longer viewed as just a medical issue but a social one also. Support is very often needed when people are no longer in acute care and have returned home. In March 2015 Macmillan Cancer Support published a report titled 'Hidden at Home', which detailed the social care needs of people with cancer.
- 4.3 With the significant advances in treatment, many people, 1 in every 2, are now surviving their cancer. It is projected that across Scotland by 2030 that 350,000 people will be living with a cancer diagnosis, however it doesn't necessarily mean that people will be living well, with 70% of people with cancer also experiencing at least one or more co-morbidity and with cancer now starting to be increasingly recognised as a long-term condition.
- 4.4 The headline figures for Inverclyde include a cancer incidence rate of approximately 632 per 100,000 equating to approximately 512 people within Inverclyde being diagnosed with cancer annually.

In addition, the incidence of cancer is also anticipated to increase by 33% over the next 5-10 years.

- 4.5 The prevalence of cancer primarily resides within populations with the highest deprivation and Inverclyde has some areas, which would be regarded as being some of the most deprived in Scotland. The increasing incidence and prevalence of cancer is also having a wider impact not only with an increase in informal carers but also on children (i.e. young carers or children with parents with cancer) and employers/education.

## **5.0 Project Development**

- 5.1 Macmillan Cancer Support has recognised that Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnerships is in a unique place to broker local solutions for people, their carers and communities. We play a significant role in supporting people with disabilities and long-term conditions in their communities and make a real difference to the quality of life of the citizens, including people affected by cancer.

The proposed partnership will develop the provision of holistic care solutions and improve the experiences of all people affected by cancer. This will be a partnership - on a grand scale working with local independent providers, third sector, Ardgowan Hospice, local communities and people affected by cancer and carers.

- 5.2 For people affected by cancer there are hidden consequences of the disease and treatment pathways. Not only is there an impact on their physical condition, but also on their psychological, financial and social wellbeing. The project will develop services to;
  - Support with mental health issues arising from their experience of cancer
  - Help to make lifestyle choices to aid survival and prevention of secondary occurrences
  - Assistance with returning to and/or enabling independent living (including self-management) and
  - Maintaining wellbeing (including employment) or to access welfare benefits, and end-of-life and bereavement support.
- 5.3 Macmillan Cancer Care brings along a range of benefits that will support the ICJ approach across Inverclyde. This additional value that Macmillan can provide to the partnership includes;

- Engagement with local communities and its record of identifying volunteers who will add capacity for practical and emotional support to be enabled in communities alongside Compassionate Inverclyde.
- Supporting the community voice around cancer, complementing local approach to inclusion
- Cancer evidence, insight and experience
- Strategic relationships across primary and acute healthcare and LAs and other 3rd sector providers
- Resources including Learning & Development

## 6.0 Governance

6.1 The Chief Officer of Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership will lead on this work sponsored by the Health Board and Local Authority with the establishment of a Project Board and with an operational group below this.

The Project Board will consist of representatives from Macmillan Cancer Care, HSCP Officers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector, NHS GCC, Ardgowan Hospice Primary Care, Carers and people with experience of cancer.

6.2 A project manager will be provided by Macmillan and will manage the programme of work. The project manager in question has already led on the implementation of the ICJ developments in other Partnership areas across Scotland.

## 7.0 Proposed Investment

7.1 £320k has been set aside to support this development over a minimum of three years, utilising the robust approach that has been developed in Glasgow and with other ICJ developments in Dundee City, Fife, West Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire. The funding available would primarily be used to fund the 1.5 Link Officer posts that would be put in place to support the local cancer population.

7.2 This work sits both within Macmillan's Strategic plan in Scotland and the Scottish Governments financial support for the Transforming Cancer Care programme.

## 8.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

8.1 Financial Implications:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
	McMillan		320,000		3 year plan

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

### Legal

8.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

## Human Resources

- 8.3 There are no specific human resource implications arising from this report. Any change in duties of staff will be done in full consultation with Human Resources and through the Staff Partnership. New posts may be created to meet the needs of the roll out in line with HR policy,

## Equalities

- 8.4 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.

## Repopulation

- 8.5 No implications

## 9.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The report has been prepared by the Chief Officer after due consideration with relevant senior officers in the HSCP.

Inverclyde ICJ is also reflecting the consultation around the Strategic Plan and experience of service users, carers and partners in navigating the various routes to making a referral first time.

## 10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS