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**Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-Committee**

**Thursday 12 January 2012 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors G Dorrian, T Fyfe, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater and Clyde Health Board; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director, Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Community Care and Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs) and Project Manager - Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.**

**23 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 23**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum.

It was noted that there was currently a vacancy in the Professional Executive Group representation following Dr Bidwell's retirement in December 2011.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in agenda item 13 (Outcome of a Collaborative Tender for the Provision of Supported Living Services).

**24 Prescribing 24**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership providing (1) background information on the historic and current situation regarding prescribing within Inverclyde CHCP, (2) information on the prescribing budget-setting process and prescribing management strategy and (3) an update on the current position, cost pressures and ongoing work in relation to the prescribing of medicines within the CHCP.

Ms Margaret Maskrey, Lead Clinical Pharmacist, was present, spoke to the report and answered questions from Members.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the report which sets out the current situation regarding prescribing issues within Inverclyde CHCP, with particular reference to (a) the prescribing budget, (b) prescribing management strategy, (c) rational prescribing indicators and GMS Med 10 and GMS QP indicators and (d) ongoing work.

**25 Community Health and Care Partnership - Financial Report 2011/12 as at Period 7 to 31 October 2011 25**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at period

7 to 31 October 2011.

(Dr Kapasi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the current projected revenue budget overspend of £330,000 for 2011/12 as at 31 October 2011 be noted;
- (2) that the ongoing prescribing cost pressure and the opportunities which are being explored to address this pressure be noted;
- (3) that in respect of the capital budget, the Sub-Committee note (a) the Social Work capital underspend of £85,000 (3% of the total project cost), (b) Social Work slippage of £440,000 (33% of the 2011/12 planned project budget) as at 31 October 2011 and (c) that the Health capital position is projected to be on budget; and
- (4) that the Social Work budget virements totalling £202,345 detailed in appendix 7 to the report be approved.

**26 Care Service Inspection Report: Throughcare and Aftercare Team - Housing Support Service 26**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the Care Service inspection of the Housing Support Service provided by the Council's throughcare and aftercare team to young people who were previously looked after. The report advised that the service had maintained the previous quality gradings of 5 (very good) awarded in March 2009 across the two main quality themes (Quality of Care and Support and Quality of Environment).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the inspection report; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all relevant staff for the very good work undertaken to achieve the inspection gradings.

**27 Care Service Inspection Report - Inverclyde Council Care and Support at Home Service 27**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the recent Care Service inspection of care and support at home services in Inverclyde. The report advised that both elements of the inspection (Quality of Care and Support and Quality of Staffing) had been graded as 5 (very good).

(Dr Kapasi returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the inspection report, continue to support the implementation of the review and acknowledge the improvement to the service; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all relevant staff for the results achieved.

**28 CHCP Major Achievements 2010 - 2011 28**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership outlining the significant achievements made by the Community Health and Care Partnership since its formal establishment on 1 October 2010.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee acknowledge the major achievements and considerable progress made by services across the Community Health and Care Partnership since 1 October 2010.

**29 Welfare Reform: Implications for Inverclyde Services and the Funding of the Statutory Homelessness Service** **29**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership outlining (1) the proposals contained in the Welfare Reform Bill and (2) the potential consequences for the residents of Inverclyde and for the delivery of Council and public services, particularly the statutory homelessness service.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current progress of the Welfare Reform Bill through the UK Parliament and that the Financial Inclusion Partnership is taking forward the broader implications for welfare reform for Inverclyde;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the potential implications of the proposed reforms within Inverclyde and for the delivery of Inverclyde Council and other public services;
- (3) that the highly significant impact that changes to housing benefit rules will have on the funding of the Council's statutory homelessness service be noted;
- (4) that the Sub-Committee recognise the impact that welfare reform will have on budgetary and service provision which will require a co-ordinated and partnership approach to prepare for the impact of these changes;
- (5) that further consultation take place with relevant sections of the Council and community planning partners to undertake a full local impact assessment of the proposed changes;
- (6) that support be given to the establishment of a short-term working group bringing together agencies across Inverclyde to work in partnership to develop proposals to support Inverclyde residents to deal with the impacts of welfare reform;
- (7) that support be given to the development of a number of workstreams to target the effective use of existing services and commissioning to develop responses;
- (8) that options be explored in partnership with local Registered Social Landlords in order to seek joint solutions to providing housing options and homelessness prevention activities which continue to provide a high standard of service delivery whilst mitigating the damaging impact of the funding gap created by changes to housing benefit;
- (9) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee with recommendations for future appropriate action; and
- (10) that it be remitted to the Chair to determine whether he considers it appropriate to forward, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, a summary of the report's contents to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for his information.

**30 Scottish Government Blue Badge Reform** **30**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising of reforms made by the Scottish Government to the Blue Badge Scheme which came into force on 1 January 2012 and which will ensure that there is consistency in the operation of the scheme across England, Scotland and Wales.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the changes to the Blue Badge scheme and the ongoing planning for implementation of the scheme.

**31 Inverclyde Parenting Strategy**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) on progress made in the development of a parenting strategy for Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval of activity in this area between October 2011 and March 2012 and for staff members from the Council and the CHCP to be facilitated to participate in the strategy.

(Mrs McFadden left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee approve the workstream on parenting for the period October 2011 to March 2012 as detailed in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the arrangements to offer parenting seminars for Inverclyde Council and CHCP staff within working hours.

**32 Cashback to Communities Fund**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the successful bid made by Inverclyde Criminal Justice Social Work Services, in partnership with the Greenock and District Scout Council, to the Cashback to Communities Scheme of the Scottish Government Justice Division to finance projects aimed at improving local sports facilities using offenders on Community Payback Orders with an unpaid work element to carry out the necessary work. The report advised that the award, which was in excess of £80,000, would be used to carry out extensive works at Everton Scout Camp Inverkip.

(Mrs McFadden returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the award of funding and support the project implementation.

**33 Barnardo's Big Lottery Fund**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising that Barnardo's, in partnership with the CHCP, had submitted a bid to the Improving Futures Fund of the Big Lottery to support the development of family support services on an early intervention model.

The Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice advised the Sub-Committee that since the writing of the report, confirmation had been received that the bid had been successful and that funding would be granted for a three year period.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the successful bid made by Barnardo's, in partnership with the CHCP, to the Big Lottery Fund and support the project development plan; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be extended to all relevant staff for the work undertaken to achieve the successful bid.

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**34 Care Home Services for Inverclyde****34**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) advising of the current position of the joint tender process for the provision of care home services and the construction of a residential care and NHS continuing care facility within Inverclyde and (2) recommending that a period of engagement take place, prior to conclusion of any contract with the preferred bidder and that a future detailed report be submitted to the Sub-Committee in relation to the outcome of that process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current stage of the tendering process which was agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council and the Quality and Performance Committee of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board on 15 November 2011;
- (2) that authority be granted to officers from the Community Health and Care Partnership and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board to engage with the preferred bidder in the period of engagement, prior to conclusion of any contract; and
- (3) that a detailed report be submitted to the Sub-Committee at the conclusion of the 12 week engagement period.

**35 Outcome of a Collaborative Tender for the Provision of Supported Living Services****35**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the collaborative tender with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of supported living services.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of one of the tendering organisations, vacated the Chair and left the Chamber. Dr Kapasi assumed the Chair for this item of business.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the outcome of the collaborative tender with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of supported living services; and
- (2) that authority be granted to accept tenders on the basis of the submissions set out in the appendix to the report.