

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - 10TH MARCH 2008

REPORT ON: TAYSIDE NEUROLOGICAL REDESIGN PROJECT SUE RYDER CARE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Social Work and Health Committee about the development of the Tayside Neurological Redesign Model. This project model provides an opportunity for the three Tayside Local Authorities to achieve service improvement objectives across a range of initiatives and develop transformational change that will improve outcomes for people in need of Community Care and Health services.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

- i) notes the content of this report;
- ii) notes the proposal to support the neurological redesign model;
- iii) instructs the Director of Social Work to bring more detailed proposals back to committee as they become further developed.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising out of this report. Further consultation will be undertaken with elected members as the project develops and formal proposals will be brought back to Social Work and Health Committee.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1** The Tayside Neurological Redesign project initially arose out of the need to replace the Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation, which operates out of a building at Royal Victoria Hospital, which is over 100 years old, and is no longer fit for purpose. It was realised at a fairly early stage that the scope of the project needed to broaden to include the whole journey of care from acute care and inpatient rehabilitation right through to community and vocational rehabilitation. The project has also expanded to include the care and rehabilitation of people with other neurological disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis and Huntington's disease.
- 4.2** It is estimated that 1 in 5 of the population have a long term neurological condition which equates to approximately 79,000 people across Tayside. Some people are born with neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy and epilepsy whilst others develop progressive illnesses later in life such as Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington's and Motor Neurone Disease. In addition, many people sustain acquired brain injuries every year following acute events such as stroke or trauma. It should be noted that Tayside has a higher than average number of people with Multiple Sclerosis and Huntington's and that there is a need to improve outcomes for all those affected by neurological conditions.
- 4.3** This redesign project aims to transform the way in which people are supported to recover from acute episodes of trauma/illness and to manage long term neurological conditions. The Director of Social Work and Health in Angus represents the three Local Authorities on the Project Board which has approved a strategic model to take forward a whole systems redesign of services. The General Manager of Community Health Partnership in Dundee represents health services.

4.4 Sue Ryder Care, a national charity with a proven track record in the delivery of a range of community care services, are key partners in the project and have indicated their ability to inject significant capital funding into the redesign of services in Tayside and an interest in supporting the delivery of services.

4.5 This exciting project provides Dundee with a unique opportunity to redesign and develop co-ordinated, enabling services that will meet the future needs of the Dundee population and improve outcomes for individuals and families affected by brain injury and neurological disorder.

The key principles underpinning the neurological redesign model are:

- Prompt and equitable access to diagnosis and treatment.
- People supported within rehabilitation pathways, in the right place at the right time by people with the right level of skill and expertise.
- Care seamlessly integrated across organisational boundaries.
- People centred services based on enablement and self management and delivered as close to home as possible.
- Anticipatory and evidence based care across all services.

5.0 PROPOSAL

5.1 It is proposed that the three Local Authorities across Tayside commit to the neuro redesign project model. Committing to the model would also form an agreement in principle to exploring options to working in partnership with NHS Tayside, Dundee Community Health Partnership and Sue Ryder Care.

5.2 Sue Ryder Care is a national charity with a proven track record in the delivery of a range of community care services. They have identified Tayside as an area requiring investment and redesign to improve outcomes for people affected by neurological conditions. They have indicated that they would like to become key partners in the project by providing significant funding to achieve a whole systems redesign of services.

5.3 Working in partnership to redesign neurological services in Tayside provides a unique opportunity for the three Local Authorities to achieve service improvement objectives across a range of initiatives and develop transformational change that will improve outcomes for people in need of Community Care and Health services.

6.0 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.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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