

**REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

**REPORT ON: JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**REPORT NO: 258 - 2003**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To seek approval from the Social Work Committee to the content of the Dundee Joint Community Care Plan for 2002–2005.

Copies of the plan have been passed to the group secretaries and copies are available for inspection in the members lounge.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:

2.1 Consider and approve the content of the Dundee Joint Community Care Plan:

2.2 Agree the plan be made available for publication.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional financial implications.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

The plan sets out the actions to be taken to meet the needs of vulnerable people who live in the community. The development of the Joint Community Care Plan is part of the process of involving citizens in the planning and delivery of services.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The plan identifies the service development required to meet the needs of all community care client groups and is drawn from both local knowledge and appropriate need assessments. Access to the Joint Community Care Plan is available to all, whether users of services, carers or their representatives. The review can be made available in large type and Braille.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 The local authority has a statutory responsibility for the preparation and review of the Joint Community Care Plan in consultation with others. The Community Care Plan is a joint document between Social Work and Housing Departments and NHS Tayside.

6.2 The Scottish Executive Circular CCD3/2000 extended the Community Care Planning guidance principally contained within Circular SWSG 14/94 on the content of Community Care issues. The circular identified some additional information which is needed to monitor the implementation of the Carers Strategy. This information is contained in the report. In addition, the plan replicates the action plan for the Partnership in Practice Agreement which details the action to be taken in response to the report "The Same as You", which set out the vision for services for people with a learning disability.

6.3 The strategic planning groups developed the individual client care group sections of the plan. Each strategic planning group has a multi-agency representation that includes representatives from service users, carers, advocates, Health, Housing, voluntary organisations and the independent sector.

The plan aims to reflect both the achievements over the last year and to set out the vision for community care over the coming three years. It reflects the significant resources invested by the partner agencies to ensure that a wide range of services are in place to meet individual need.

The pace of policy development, both nationally and locally has assured that development of community care resources have remained in a state of constant review and progression throughout the last year. Both the injection of new investment monies and policy developments in relation to the Joint Future agenda have enabled partner agencies to reconsider both the models of service delivery and the scope of these.

6.4 The following highlight just some of the significant achievements attained over the duration of the last plan and the focus of future community care developments:

- Continued investment for the provision of advocacy services.
- Actions to address the respite and short break needs of vulnerable people.
- The review and updating of the strategic action plan for carers.
- The provision of interval care services for older people.
- The review of day care and day hospital services across Dundee.
- The introduction of the Community Enabler Scheme and the appointment of Local Area Co-ordinators for people with a learning disability.
- Review of Local Authority and Health community equipment provision for people with physical disabilities.
- The future resettlement of long stay patients in Liff Hospital has commenced with models of care identified.
- The Corporate Drug Action plan was completed and agreed.
- The Forward Project established to offer a partnership approach to day opportunities for people who misuse substances.
- Appointed of a Hepatitis C Prevention Co-ordinator and a Scottish Prison Service worker from HIV health promotion and prevention workers.
- The commitment to introduce joint needs assessments of homeless people.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Housing, Director of Finance and Director of Support Services were consulted in the development of this plan. In addition the Dundee Health and Local Authority Forum have agreed the content of plan.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

## **9.0 SIGNATURE**

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Date: 7 March 2003