

#### **4 CHOOSE LIFE (AN119-2005)**

Reference was made to Article II of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16th February 2004 whereby proposals for the implementation of the Choose Life strategy were approved. The reported detailed Scottish Executive funding allocated specifically for the implementation of Choose Life in Dundee and highlighted that a sub group of Healthy Dundee has been established to oversee the ongoing development and implementation of the local suicide prevention strategy.

The sub group has now approved three bids for Choose Life funding as follows:

- Dundee Samaritans to cover advertising £10,140
- Dundee Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland £9,000  
to fund training of counsellors in suicide/bereavement techniques
- Barnardos to provide services to children and young £27,050  
people within Dundee who require additional support as a result of grief, loss and trauma experienced in their lives.

The intention is to release funding for these local groups who will have an important role locally in preventing suicide. The Committee is asked to approve the release of the Choose Life funding. The above initiatives fully commit the first allocation of funding, however, further funding has been made available by the Scottish Executive from 2005/06 onwards for future initiatives.