

3. CHOOSE LIFE (AN 23-2006)

Proposals for the implementation of the Choose Life strategy were approved by the Social Work Committee on 16 February 2004 (Report No 150-2004). 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. Dundee was allocated £273,300 over 2003-2006 to support national and local suicide prevention action and, to date, £182,000 has been committed to fund local initiatives which support the aims of Choose Life.

Funding for Choose Life has now been extended to 2008 and Dundee has been allocated £97,000 for each of the next two financial years to support initiatives aimed at reducing the incidence of suicide.

The Choose Life Steering Group now recommends that payments to the following organisations be extended to 2008.

Barnardos to provide services to children and young people within Dundee who require additional support as a result of grief, loss and trauma.	£29,000 per annum 2006/2007 and 2007/2008)
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

WRASAC (Women's Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre) to provide services to women who self harm and may be at risk of suicide.	£30,000 per annum 2006/2007 and 2007/2008
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------

Both organisations already receive Choose Life funding for these services.

In addition, the Steering Group recommends that funding is made available to Littlewing to help finance their newsletter which is aimed at raising awareness of the service and the community based options for support available to help people cope with, and recover from, mental ill health.	£7,800 for one year (2005/2006)
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------