

1 CHOOSE LIFE - HEARING VOICES NETWORK (AN306-2007)

Proposals for the implementation of the Choose Life strategy were approved by the Social Work Committee on 16th February 2005 (Report No 50-2004). The report detailed Scottish Executive funding allocated specifically for the implementation of Choose Life in Dundee and highlighted that a sub group of Healthy Dundee (The Choose Life Steering Group) had been established to oversee the ongoing development and implementation of the local suicide prevention strategy. Dundee was allocated £97,000 per year to implement the Choose Life Strategy.

The Choose Life Steering Group has now approved one bid for Choose Life funding as follows:

Hearing Voices Network (£6,000). The Hearing Voices Network (HVN) would like to produce a training DVD looking at how the effects of psychosis can lead to suicide and self harm. This DVD will build on the work of their award winning film "Stigma Dies" which won an award at the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film festival in October. The money will partly fund the DVD and contribute to a script writer, DVD editor and professional crew. The HVN also plan to work in conjunction with the Repertory theatre to develop this piece of work.

The Committee is asked to approve the release of Choose Life funding.