

4 CHOOSE LIFE (AN420-2005)

Proposals for the implementation of the Choose Life strategy were approved by the Social Work Committee on 16th February 2004 (Report No. 150-2004). 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 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, £130,143 has been committed to fund local initiatives which support the aims of Choose Life.

The Sub Group has now approved an additional four payment for Choose Life Funding as follows:-

Barnardos	£ 6,000
The Corner	£22,786
Cracking Youth Work	£ 1,250
Tayside Audit Resource	£ <u>3,101</u>
Total	£<u>33,137</u>

The funding will primarily be used to develop approaches and resources for young people and for the provision of training related to suicide prevention and mental health.

Funding for Choose Life has 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. Guidance as to how this is to be used will be issued in the neat future.

The Committee is asked to approve release of the funding and to note the grant for 2006-2008.