

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP  
COMMITTEE- 17 MAY 210**

**LEARNING DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK – PARTNERSHIP IN  
PRACTICE EVENT  
(TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010)**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Two years ago a number of organisations in East Ayrshire involved in the provision of support and services to people with learning disabilities established a partnership. The partnership works throughout the year to plan and deliver a range of activities and events for Learning Disability Week.
- 1.2 In 2009, as a forerunner to Learning Disability Week a practitioners' event was held, allowing a range of providers of services to come together, learn from each other and enhance partnership working.

**2. PARTNERHSIP**

- 2.1 The partnership is made up of a large number of agencies including East Ayrshire Council Education and Social Services and Leisure Services, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, East Ayrshire Advocacy Services, the Council of Voluntary Organisations, , independent sector providers such as Hansel Alliance and Partners for Inclusion and the Princess Royal Trust Carers Centre. There is also a strong involvement by Cllr John MacKay, East Ayrshire Council Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing.
- 2.2 Whilst a range of events are being progressed for Learning Disability Week which takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> until 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010, the practitioners event will focus on four themes.

**(1) Integrated Resource Framework**

East Ayrshire is a test site for the IRF development through the National Shifting the Balance of Care Delivery Group. Our focus is to consider care supports for adults with complex needs that are often resource intensive and in particular how we respond to this need across the public sector. East Ayrshire has established an IRF Project Team. Their role to date has been establishing investments to adult care and support services from both the Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran and jointly considering with front line staff, against best practice elsewhere, delivering supports in the face of public spending and demography changes.

## **(2) Transition**

The challenges faced by families and people who use services at key points of transition from pre school to school and leaving full time education. Additional Support for Learning Legislation establishes the need for clear processes and planning to be available during these critical points.

## **(3) Employability**

An issue raised consistently by people with learning disabilities relates to work, how they can access employment and be supported to undertake real paid jobs with the financial, social and health benefits this brings.

The Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning launched its Supported Employment framework in February 2010. As a partnership we will work together to embrace the framework and deliver positive outcomes for people.

## **(4) Adult Support & Protection**

Since implementation of the Adult Support and Protection Act in 2008, there has been a steady growth in the number of referrals to agencies relating to a vulnerable person who may be at risk. Applying some of the new orders, now available within legislation has impacted positively on the individual concerned.

These big themes all highlight and reinforce the need for positive and strong partnership working across agencies and within our community.

## **3. The Partnership in Practice Event**

3.1 A draft programme for the day is attached at appendix one for information

## **4. Recommendations**

It is recommended that CHP Committee

- I) Receive a future progress report on the outcome of these innovative partnership events
- II) Otherwise note the content of the report

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**Cllr. John MacKay, Spokesperson for Health & Wellbeing. 28 April 2010.**  
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**EAST AYRSHIRE PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE EVENT**

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010  
ST KENTIGERNS PARISH CHURCH  
DUNBAR ROAD  
NEW FARM LOCH

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

- 09.30AM REGISTRATION
- 10.00AM WELCOME Minister St.  
Kentigerns
- 10.10AM EAST AYRSHIRE PARTNERSHIP Fiona Lees  
Chief Executive  
EAC
- 10.20AM SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ASPIRATIONS Adam Ingram  
Minister for Children & Early  
Years
- 10.30AM Parents' experience of transition
- 10.45AM Young persons experience of transition
- 11.00AM COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
- 11.30AM WORKSHOPS  
**Integrated Resource Framework  
Transition  
Employability  
Adult Support & Protection**
- 12.30PM LAUNCH OF LEARNING DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK
- 12.45PM LUNCH AND MARKETPLACE
- 14.00pm CLOSE