

EAST AYRSHIRE CHP COMMITTEE

24 August 2009

Subject	Potential Service Development opportunities at East Ayrshire Community Hospital (EACH).
Purpose	To provide a position report and describe the proposed next steps.
Recommendation	The CHP Committee is asked to consider the recommendations contained in the report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 For some time NHS Ayrshire and Arran has been reviewing patient activity and use of accommodation at East Ayrshire Community Hospital while considering opportunities to enhance local health provision for the local community.
- 1.2 A new Clinical Operational Group has been formed at EACH to provide a vehicle for local hospital staff to contribute to the future direction of services on the site.
- 1.3 There is considerable community interest in this work and an excellent opportunity exists for the Community Health Partnership to maximise opportunities to enhance partnership working in the area.

2. THE PROCESS

- 2.1 Depending on the recommended way ahead, decision making processes are likely to involve separate consideration within NHS A&A and East Ayrshire Council. However, there is an opportunity for the Community Health Partnership to play a key role in the overall decision making process which would focus specifically on making recommendations about partnership services.
- 2.2 To develop partnership opportunities and ensure potential health benefits for the local Cumnock community, it is proposed that the CHP should ask the Officer Locality Group for adults and older people, at its meeting on 11th September, to identify and discuss options for future service provision at East Ayrshire Community Hospital.
- 2.3 The outcome of this work will contribute to the development of proposals which will be discussed with the CHP Forum and the wider community. Recommendations will thereafter be submitted to the CHP Committee for decisions on partnership services.

3. STRATEGIC FIT

- 3.1 Identifying opportunities to work in partnership, making better use of existing resources and improving health outcomes for local people are at the core of the CHP's work. This is reflected in national strategies including Better Health Better Care and Equally Well and, at a local level, links directly with the Improving Health and Wellbeing Action Plan of East Ayrshire's Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement in terms of Shifting the Balance of Care, Improving Health and Wellbeing and Reducing Health Inequalities.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that CHP Committee:
1. note the current position;
 2. remit the Officer Locality Group (Adults and Older People) to identify potential options for future partnership service provision at EACH;
 3. remit the CHP Forum to provide a partnership view on feasible options as part of the consultation process;
 4. receive a further report at its next meeting in terms of the recommended way forward;
 5. otherwise note the content of this report.

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