

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 14th JUNE 2000

REVIEW OF THE EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998-2001 1999/2000 Implementation and Forward Plan 2000/01

Report by the Director of Social Work

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Committee to endorse the second annual review of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan incorporating information for the monitoring of the implementation of “Modernising Community Care – An Action Plan” and “The Strategy for Carers in Scotland”.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee of 2 July 1998 (P3432 Item 6) approved the Joint Community Care Plan which was developed by East Ayrshire Council, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, Scottish Homes, the Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust and Ayrshire and Arran Acute Health Care NHS Trust, in partnership with users and their carers and representatives of local organisations and groups.
- 2.2 Subsequently East Ayrshire and Cumnock and Doon Valley Local Health Care Co-operatives have become involved in the monitoring of the implementation of the plan.
- 2.2 The plan formed the strategic base for the development of community care services in East Ayrshire for three years and outlined proposals for the delivery of a flexible multi agency service to service users and carers.
- 2.3 In October 1998 the Scottish Office published the document “Modernising Community Care – an Action Plan”, which outlined three goals that Local authorities and their planning partners were required to focus future community care planning. These were:
- Helping more people get care at home
 - Better and quicker decision making
 - Working together locally
- 2.4 As part of the community care review, planning partners are required to report on their progress in the implementation of the Action Plan, including the expenditure in relation to East Ayrshire Council’s share of the resources allocated for Modernising Community Care.
- 2.5 The Scottish Executive announced its Strategy for Carers in November 1999, which identified priorities for action. These are:

- The promotion of new and more flexible services for carers, including respite care, at a local level.
- The introduction of national standards.
- The need for monitoring by the Scottish Executive of the performance of health and social services in supporting carers.
- The introduction of carers' legislation to allow carers' needs to be met more directly
- The provision of better and more targeted information at a national level
- Attention to the needs of young people

2.6 The Council requires to report on how it will Implement the Strategy.

2.7 For the first time the Scottish Executive has also requested that information is provided on the health and social care inputs that are provided for people with care needs who are, or are likely to be homeless.

3 THE REVIEW

3.1 The review sets out a number of outcomes achieved in 1999/00 and addresses the forward plan for 2000/01.

3.2 These include the development of the Carers Strategy Group, the involvement of service users and carers in the recruitment of Social Work personnel, the active involvement of service users and carers in the development of services and the consultation with users and carers in assessing performance.

Specific outcomes include:

- Further progress in moving towards primary care , including the development of patterns of joint working and the Operational Framework recently signed by the Council and the Primary care NHS Trust
- Improved Public Information e.g. Carers Assessment leaflets; Charging Policy leaflets
- Improving access to independent Advocacy services, now fully operational
- Improved performance management arrangements
- Enhanced community care services through the Social Inclusion Partnership
- Reduction in referral and assessment times for aids and adaptations
- An increase in the number of young carers supported throughout East Ayrshire.

3.2 Work has progressed in developing outcomes and associated realistic service standards for each identified objective or task. These are set out in the review schedules contained within the Review Document.

3.3 The involvement of representatives of service users and carers continues to be central in our approach to developing and monitoring community care services either directly delivered by the Council and the health service or through contracted providers and a number of examples have been given.

- 3.4 The review sets out priorities for the next (final) year of the Joint Community Care Plan. These include:
- The implementation of the Best Value Home Care review
 - The implementation of the revised assessment and care management process
 - The preparation of an Ayrshire Learning Disabilities Strategy
 - The preparation of an Ayrshire Older Peoples Strategy

4. FINANCIAL/ PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Financial and personnel issues are set out in the review of the Community Care plan and specific financial and/or personnel issues requiring Committee approval will be subject to separate reports.

5 POLICY

- 5.1 The outcome of the review of the Community Care Plan continues to reflect the changing balance of care within East Ayrshire from institutional type support to care in the community. The preparation of both a Learning Disability Strategy and Older Peoples Strategy will bring together a range of Council responsibilities in the planning and delivery of services for people with learning disabilities and older people.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Social Work Committee:
- (i) Endorse the 1999/2000 review of the East Ayrshire Joint Committee Care Plan 1998-2001, subject to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board endorsement; and
 - (ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

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Background Papers

EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998-2001 – ANNUAL REVIEW 1998-1999 AND FORWARD PLAN 1999-2000

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AGENDA