



Western Isles

Community Health and
Social Care Partnership

JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held
in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices
Stornoway on
Wednesday 17
December 2008 at
6.00pm

PRESENT Mrs Annie Macdonald (Chairman)
Mr Gordon Jamieson (Vice Chairman)
Mr Angus McCormack
Mrs Elenor Macleay
Catherine Macdonald
Mrs Morag Munro

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Catriona Stewart
Mr Kenneth Murray
Mr Alex A Macdonald
Mr Kenneth A MacIver
Mr Malcolm Burr
Mr Iain Macaulay
Ms Finella Morrison
Mr Martin Malcolm
Mrs Briony Jones
Mrs Anne Macdonald
Mr John Edward
Ms Louise Coleman
Ms Lesley McDonald

APOLOGIES Mr Gerry Macleod
Mrs Agnes Rennie
Mr Michael Cook

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 1 The Minute of Meeting of 24 October 2008 was approved.
24 October 2008

Draft Minute of 2 The draft Minute of the CHaSCP Committee meeting of 13 November 2008 was
CHaSCP Committee noted, in so far as the Committee's interests were concerned.
of 13 November 2008

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PRESENTATIONS

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| Multiple Sclerosis Scoping Report | 3 | <p>The Chief Social Work Officer, CnES and the General Manager, CHaSCP submitted a Report informing the Committee of the outcome of the scoping exercise carried out by the Multiple Sclerosis Co-ordinator over a period of six months. The Report stated that a scoping exercise had been carried out to ascertain the patient group and undertake a comprehensive review of the existing service in order to facilitate the process in identifying current service strengths and gaps for individuals with MS in the Western Isles. The Report identified a high prevalence of MS and a number of areas where improvements in care provision could be made.</p> <p>The Committee noted that a very informative presentation had been made to an informal meeting of the Committee on 12 December 2008 by Mrs Alison MacIver.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.</p> |
| Implementation of The Eyecare Review | 4 | <p>The General Manager, CHaSCP and the Chief Social Work Officer, CnES submitted a Report informing the Committee of the success of a bid for funding of the Eyecare project and the implementation of the Eye Care Review. The Report detailed the successful bid and stated that the CHaSCP had been awarded £77,150k for Children's Services and £77,450K for Adult Services.</p> <p>The Committee noted that a very informative presentation had been made to an informal meeting of the Committee on 12 December 2008 by Mr John Gill.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.</p> |
| Clinical Strategy | 5 | <p>The Committee noted that a very informative presentation had been made to an informal meeting of the Committee on 12 December 2008 by Mr John Angus Mackay</p> |
| CHaSCP 6 Month Action Plan to April 2009 | 6 | <p>The General Manager, CHaSCP submitted a 6 month Action Plan to April 2009</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.
The Committee noted the terms of the CHaSCP Performance Monitoring Report dated 13 November 2008</p> |
| Day Care Services - West Side, Lewis | 7 | <p>The Chief Social Work Officer, CnES submitted a Report advising of the outcomes of the recent consultation on the consolidation of Day Services on the west side of Lewis and recommend a way forward. The Report stated that the consultation had taken place with professional groups and service users with a stake in the present and future delivery of day services on the west side of Lewis. A Best Value approach had been taken to the consultation and it was considered that the most effective and economic option was to have a consolidated service at one centre namely, Carloway. The Report identified that Westside day care provision could be increased to a four day week by locating day services at Carloway Care Centre.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a four day service be developed at the Carloway Care Centre; and (2) the three day lunch club provision currently made at the Bragar Centre be discontinued from 31 March 2009. |

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Care Units – Options 8
for Future Service
Delivery

The Chief Social Work Officer, CnES submitted a Report detailing a range of options for a sustainable Care Unit Service. The Report provided detailed analysis of the future options for the Care Unit Service on the basis of the available budget, demographic factors and the known and projected demand for the service. The Report proposed that an Area Care Unit Service be established which would offer residents a 24 hour staffed service with a maximum ratio of staff to residents. The Report further detailed an Action Plan outlining a phased process to implement an Area Care Unit Service.

Mrs Annie MacDonald, seconded by Mr Gordon Jamieson moved, in so far as the Committee's interests were concerned, that:

- (1) Garrabost, Carloway, Crowlsta and lochdar units should be the basis of the future Care Unit Service through the model of Area Care Units, and the remaining five care units be closed by 31 March 2009 namely, Back, South Dell, Gravir, Scalpay and Dun innes;
- (2) that the level of weekly charge for a Care Unit placement be considered from year to year alongside Comhairle Residential Care Homes and be at a rate equal to that set by the Comhairle for a placement in a Comhairle Residential Care Home and (ii) that the statutory assessment regime applicable to assessing a Residential Care Home resident's ability to meet the cost of their care (including the ability to place a security upon heritable assets owned by the resident to secure payment of the charges set), be adopted and applied in relation to assessing the means of a Care Unit resident's ability to meet the cost of their care and determining the level of charges they should pay and that this be approved so as to have effect for all those currently in placement;
- (3) lochdar Unit remain open for a further twelve months until March 2010 and a report on this unit to be submitted to the February 2010 Committee series;
- (4) a report on the potential for a 'stepping down' facility at Back Care Unit as detailed at para 6.19 be submitted to the February 2009 Committee series by the General Manager, CHaSCP;
- (5) the sheltered housing complexes as shown in table 8 which are adjacent to the existing care units and free-standing sheltered schemes be de-sheltered, and support offered to tenants through the Faire Careline Service;
- (6) the surplus Care Unit and Tigh Ceilidh facilities be disposed of according to the terms of the Comhairle's Contract Regulations. The capital receipts accruing from the disposal of Care Unit and Tigh Ceilidh provision to meet the one year only shortfall in repair and maintenance revenue costs for the remaining care units; and

- (7) Warden staff in care units and sheltered housing affected by these changes be offered re-deployment within the Comhairle Home Care Service or to appropriate vacancies within Care Homes in line with Comhairle policy and in consultation with the relevant Trade Unions.

Catherine MacDonald, seconded by Mrs Morag Munro, moved as an amendment that the terms of the Report be noted and that consideration of the recommendations be deferred to the February 2009 series of meeting to allow the Chief Social Work Officer to endeavour to identify resources during the Budget setting process to allow the care unit provision to continue over this period in such a way as to enable him to carry out the consultation with residents, those using the respite care services, their relatives and carers and the members of the local community, all as recommended by ODS Consulting in their Report on Options Appraisal for the future of the care unit service.

On the matter being put to the vote, the amendment received the majority of the votes cast and became the recommendation of the Meeting.

The Meeting became inquorate and therefore did not consider any further items.