

INVERNESS EAST DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Agenda item	4iv
Report number	
Meeting date	Friday 28th February 2014

Report Title	Reshaping Care for Older People – Inverness East Community Networker.
Report by	
Organisation	

Situation Summary –

The purpose of this item is:

- To introduce the new Community Networker for Reshaping Care for Older People to the District Partnership
- To allow Ruth to outline what Reshaping Care for Older People is and to describe the role of Community Networkers
- To allow Ruth to share the work she has done so far and what she is currently working on (including the local directory)
- Discussion with the partnership about how we can work together to support Ruth's work

1 Background

The people of Scotland on average are living healthier for longer. The average life expectancy for people by 2033 is projected to rise to 81 years for men and 85 years for women. In general this is great news for our families and communities but collectively we need to recognise that this presents some new challenges.

Together we need to plan ahead and ensure that as a community, a health Service and a region, Highland has the services and local infrastructure to meet the needs of the older population. Research conducted by the Government suggests that care provided within the community with a preventative focus will provide this most effectively.

There is also a growing belief that the majority of people would rather be looked after in their own home environment where in most circumstances they can experience more independence and loosen their dependence upon institutional care.

	<p>As a result of this the Government recognise that new things need to be looked at and a different approach needs to be pursued.</p> <p>RCOP Highland is a project funded by the Change Fund to employ a number of Community Networkers to support communities, the care sector and the statutory health and social care providers to do just that. We are looking to working with people to make a profound difference in the care and support on offer to older people within our communities.</p> <p>Taken from: http://www.rcophighland.org/index.html</p>
2	<u>Assessment</u>
3	<u>Summary of Action Points already completed/in progress</u>

Recommendation