

INVERNESS WEST DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: Friday 20th March 2015, Merkinch Community Centre, Merkinch.

PRESENT: Adam Palmer (NHS Highland)(Co-Chair)(AP); Cllr Margaret Davidson(Co-Chair)(MD); Donellen MacKenzie (NHS Highland)(DMck); Cllr Janet Campbell(JC); Wendy Allman (Childrens Services) (WA); Sam Brogan (Childrens Services) (SB); Marie McIlwraith (Scottish Health Council) (MMcl); Cllr Graham Ross (GR); Cllr Richard Laird (RL); Jay Muirhead (Signpost) (JM); Marion MacNeil (Connecting Carers) (MM); Philip Green (SF&RS)(PG); Kirsten Petrie(Highlife Highland) (KP);Cllr Donnie Kerr (DK).

APOLOGIES: Columba Johnston; Dr Lorien Cameron-Ross; Stephen Pennington

IN ATTENDANCE: Charles Stephen (Ward Manager); Julia Faryma (Business Support); Joanna MacDonald (NHS Highland) (JMcd); Bill Alexander (NHS Highland) (BA); Jessica Hart (SSE) (JH); James Black (SSE) (JB); Shona Horn (SSE) (SH); Mo Bates (SSE) (MB); Carron McDiarmid (HC) (CMcd).

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	NAMED OFFICER	TIMESCALE
1	Action Note From 19 th December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed and adopted 			
2	Adult Services				
2.1	Adult Social Care Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMcD gave a brief overview of some of the initiatives which have been put in place regarding adult social care. All Care Home Managers have been invited to a meeting to discuss different ways to deliver care in Care Homes. There will be a different approach to the issue of delayed discharges with the focus being much more on “what they can do”. Self – directed support is not only about finance but also about supporting communities to help people with their care needs. It was recognised that the rural and urban communities are very different. JMcD had a copy of the Highland Senior Citizens Network brochure which will be disseminated to the group 	HC	CS	Next Meeting

2.2	Delayed Discharges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMck informed the group that the Community Ward in Raigmore Hospital had been a useful exercise and they had gained much information and experience from it 			
2.3	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMcK said that recruitment is a significant issue and NHS were adopting a collective approach to look at the situation. 			
2.4	Community Planning & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BA gave a presentation on community planning and community development, suggesting there should be a district level plan for Adult Services, Childrens Services, Police & Fire Services etc. There needs to be a stream lining of meetings. The partnership was asked to suggest a framework then engage with local issues – discussion took place on how this would be taken forward. Merkinch will be looked at in the near future. It is important that local residents are involved ie. Community Councils, Residents Associations. A sub-group will be organised which will report back to the IWDP with Charles Stephen, Margaret Davidson, Adam Palmer, Donnellan Mackenzie, Carron MacDiarmid and Mhairi McIlwraith being members. 	HC	CS	Next Meeting
2.5	Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB gave an insight into how SSE were able to engage with local communities in the area and keep them informed if there were any problems with their electricity supply. They were happy to help with community engagement in any way they could 			
2.6	Handyperson Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handyperson scheme has 3000 people on their books and is run by Signpost. They support people over 65, disabled or vulnerable with tasks such as: changing lightbulbs, hanging curtains, gardening etc. The scheme enables Signpost to identify some of the people who may not be 'on the radar' and direct them to services which would be of a further support to them. 			
	Childrens Services				
3.1	Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childrens Services should be first on the agenda for the next meeting. SB gave an update on the nursery provision in the area, informing the group that new promotional materials had been printed and was available 	HC	CS	Next Meeting

3.2	Staffing Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regard to 'Grow Your Own' a trainee Health Visitor had started and was working well. There are two vacant posts for school nurses 			
3.3	Merkinch Family Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 82 children were expected to attend in the summer holidays. There were many and varied activities held in the centre and were well attended. 			
4	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM informed the group that the 'Young Carers Strategy' information was now available which Julie Fraser is leading and the link will be sent to the members. 	HC	CS	Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting: Venue TBC