**SKYE, LOCHALSH, WESTER ROSS AND ASSYNT DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP**

**ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 11th May 2015 AT 1.30 PM, TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE**

**PRESENT:** Myra Duncan (Chair), Cllr Biz Campbell (Vice-Chair), Cllr Hamish Fraser, Kath McAvoy (HC), Tracey Ligema (NHSH), Kate Earnshaw (NHSH), Anne MacLeod (NHS), Meg Gillies (SLCVO), Willie MacKinnon (HC), Annie Davidson (HLH), .

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Alexander (HC), Liz MacDonald (SHC), Peter Beck (LGOWIT), Cllr Drew Millar, Cllr John Gordon, Catriona Leslie (P&BCC), Bill Edgar (P&BCC), Malcolm Hendry (NHS SOS), Caroline Gould (S&L Access Panel), Kevin Lawley (Highland Alzheimer),

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Audrey Sinclair, Norma Young (HC), Gillian Pincock (HC) Michael Francis (S&L PPF), Cllr Ian Renwick

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| **ITEM** | **SUBJECT** | **ACTION AGREED** | **LEAD** | **NAMED OFFICER** | **TIMESCALE** |
| **1** | **Action Note of 9TH February 2015** | Noted as any Matters Arising to be covered under agenda items. |  |  |  |
| **2** | **Adult Support & Protection Campaign** | Postponed until August meeting. WM to confirm date with Laura Gillies. | HC | WM | 11th May |
| **3** | **Agenda Request Items PPF** | Dementia Care – Caroline Gould and Kevin Lawley outlined the subject matter and questions frequently raised through the S&L Access Panel relating to Dementia Care.  In particular, what is being done to prepare for the expected higher than national average increase of dementia patients in Skye & Lochalsh and what is being done to encourage/increase residential space locally for dementia patients?  Kate Earnshaw responded on behalf of NHSH as per attached document and Chair Myra Duncan, requested that Kate set up a small working group to further address the questions prior to the next meeting of the District Partnership in August 2015.  The Chair suggested that Kevin should provide comments to the Review of Respite Care based on the information he presented today.    Portree Spoke – Catriona Leslie outlined the item submitted by Portree & Braes Community Council regarding the facilities and services at the Portree Spoke.  Tracey Ligema and Kate Earnshaw responded as per attached documents.    Malcolm Hendry, representing the action group (NHSH) SOS, and Catriona Leslie raised concerns regarding what appears to be a major difference between the official line on protocol and service provision and what is actually happening on the ground.  The Chair, Myra Duncan was very concerned by this suggestion and asked that any such instances should be reported to NHS Highland management for investigation. She asked that this be addressed out-with the meeting. Myra will raise with the Director of Operations. | NHSH  NHSH | KE  MD | 24th August  11th May |
| **4** | **Respite Care Consultation** | Myra Duncan had submitted a response to the Respite Care Consultation, including a request that:   * Any review of Home based respite care should include review of the total budget for NHS Highland and the allocation formula, and should be done in a transparent way. * We support an approach based on need. * We still would like a discussion with the reviewers to put forward our concerns and to understand more about how the review is being undertaken and how its outcome will be decided and communicated.   Theresa James the lead officer for carers has indicated that they are still open to receiving responses regarding the review and any DP member who wishes to add to Myra’s comments should forward to Willie MacKinnon. |  |  |  |
| **5** | **Adult Care Update** | Time constraint did not allow for any further update from Adult Services. |  |  |  |
| **6** | **Children & Families Update** | Gillian Pincock submitted the attached update and Kath McAvoy requested that any suggestions for a venue to help establish a Family Centre/Contact Centre for the Service be forwarded to her. |  |  |  |
| **7** | **District Partnership Review** | Bill Alexander spoke to that attached presentation as part of the on-going review of District partnerships. Highlighting some key objectives of the Christie Report, The Community Empowerment Bill currently going through the Scottish Parliment, the statutory obligation on Local Authorities to produce a 3 year CLD plan, the report on Effective Democracy – reconnecting communities and what does Community Planning mean for the District Partnership.  Discussion with those present highlighted:   * the need to review the current geographical boundary * The DP review to be carried out in tandem with Area Committee/Ward Forum/Ward Business Meetings * As local as possible to improve engagement * Decision making powers and a budget required to have any influence and to be effective * Objectives and outcomes to be shaped by the local communities * Support for the 3rd Sector a necessity to stop people on the ground becoming disaffected |  |  |  |
| **8** | **Public Views/Suggestions** | None were offered. |  |  |  |
| **9** | **Date of Next Meeting** | 24th August 2015, Lochcarron Village Hall, Lochcarron, 1.30-3.30pm. | HC | WM | AUGUST 2015 |