**SUTHERLAND DISTRICT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

**ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: Friday 22nd May 2015**

**PRESENT: Cllr Deirdre Mackay - (Chair), Andy Mackay(HC), Ann Pascoe (NHS), Bob Silverwood (NHS), Ross Mackenzie (NHS), Joanna Macdonald (NHS), Steven Gorman (SAS), Christine Ross (VGES), Stephen Graham (HC), Bill Alexander (HC), Barry Northedge (HC), Dawn Grant (HC), Greg MacLachlan (HC), Nigel Brett Young (HLH), Hugh Morrison (HC), Mark Evans (HC), Meddie Newman (GHS Student), Andrea Madden (NHS), Cat Mawdzley (NHS Student), Maimie Thomson (NHS), Lauren Campbell (Note)**

**APOLOGIES: Jason Beeston (Police Scotland)**

**In Attendance: 15 Members of the public**

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| **ITEM** | **SUBJECT** | **ACTION AGREED** | **LEAD** | **NAMED OFFICER** | **TIMESCALE** |
| **2** | **Matters Arising** | 2.1 Cllr Mackay gave an update on the foodbanks and was happy to say that they are running smoothly from ESCAB. Will continue to be reviewed an updated when necessary.  2.2 A request to get a GP representative to attend future meetings is still being followed up. | HC  NHS | Deirdre Mackay  R. Mackenzie |  |
| **3** | **Presentation – District Partnerships** | Bill Alexander gave a presentation on District Partnerships – Local Planning for Children, Adults and Communities. This gave an overview of the declining health and life expectancy of people living in Scotland, the problems faced and the challenges to overcome this. He described the new Community Empowerment Bill Scotland is being introduced that all local authorities where there is joint services must have District Partnerships. By 1st September 2015 Local Authorities must publish a Community Learning & Development Plan which will be reviewed every 3 years.  A general discussion took place after and it was felt that this is a positive thing and a chance for the SDP to improve certain areas and develop further. It is hoping that Area Committee and Partnerships will soon have the same boundaries? This will continue to be addressed at further meetings. | HC | Bill Alexander |  |
| **4** | **Joanna Macdonald – self-directed support** | NHS are now ‘looking, consult & engage’. There is now a new self-directed support legislation. One aspect of this how traditionally care was provided, the clients now legally have 4 options they can select from. 1. They can still use the traditional set up. 2. You can be given the money to buy the services support you would like, this will be a direct payment that the client is liable for. 3. You can be given money and an agency can provide the service. 4. You can have a combination of them all.  The single shared assessment is not working for all so a change of thought process has had to happen, we are listening to what the client wants which is very often they want to stay in their own home for longer – how can we help? Jacquie Hodges (service support lead for care homes) is working on the ‘My Home Life’ strategy with 15 care homes. This is a programme working on how clients can be supported in care homes, not isolated and still feeling part of the community. | NHS | J. Macdonald |  |
| **5** | **Older Adults**  **5.1 Village Care Update** | First Responders in Helmsdale are getting training on the first 2 weekends in July, continued support for the Scottish Ambulance Service will also be provided.  The Community Development Officer for Age Scotland gave a brief update on the projects they are currently working on. They are identifying sites across Scotland where they could supply AHP and give out more advice, could Sutherland be a pilot area? This would link in with all community support – will be updated when there is further news. RVS have a pilot running out of Invergordon Hospital ‘Home from Hospital’ this is where volunteers offer community support to those coming home.  Community Care – recruitment for Community Care is still very challenging. Could a bespoke Sutherland Care Training Package be introduced? Meetings are currently being held with North Highland College to discuss this. NHC are going to be offering modern apprenticeships from September 2016 which Sutherland pupils can access at either N.H.C or the Alness Campus. This will be a 2 year programme that will work towards gaining SVQ2 in both child and adult care.  Care-at-Home staff will all need SVQ2 by 2017 and are also struggling for recruitment. Even though Care-at-Home has changed it still has the stereotypical image which needs to be changed. It was suggested that Valerie Gayle from C.A.L.A might be able to advise as she has currently set up a new training programme for youngsters in the area for early years care. A meeting is to be arranged with Andrea Madden, NHS, Nigel Brett-Young, Ross Mackenzie, North Highland College, Dawn Grant | SAS  HC  HC,  NHS,  NHC | Steven Gorman  Deirdre Mackay |  |
|  | **5.2 Reaching High Event** | This event has tentatively been booked for Autumn 2015. |  |  |  |
|  | 5.3 – Dental Care Review | Independent Dentists are the preferred option rather than general. General practises are increasing it is now about 40 general to 60 independent. There will be no public consultation as there will be no change in the level of service or costs as both would charge the same. Leaflets are being produced to advise of changes but a meeting suggested to inform North coast communities | NHS | R.Mackenzie |  |
|  | **5.4 Citizens Advice Bureau Policy Issues** | Fuel Poverty is still one of the highest issues. A Highland Council Hardship Fund has been proposed and it has been agreed to be looked at. | HC | Deirdre Mackay |  |
| **6** | **Stephen Graham – Transport Programme Sutherland Retendering** | Stephen Graham gave a presentation on the Transport Consultation in Sutherland. There was a very good turnout and feedback from the public meetings and supplier events. The decisions on what services to buy will be made on the 20th July and contracts issued on the 4th August. | HC | S. Graham |  |
| **7** | **Community Safety**  **7.1 Scottish Ambulance Service** | Steven Gorman gave an update on the Scottish Ambulance Service. Golspie now have 4 paramedics now (up from 3), by January this will be 5 as a technician is doing their training. Lairg has 3 of its 4 posts filled – Lairg has always been a challenge to recruit. Kinlochbervie’s 5th member of staff is at University completing their training, this will be 5 full time posts filled by September. This will make huge improvements in the single man manning.  Brora First Responders – This will be discussed in more detail later as it would be good to take forward.  He described ‘Crash Live’ which is a demonstration, that is currently being shown in schools in the Grampian Area, that aimed at young drivers or drivers to be that can show the impact of what can happen at a crash scene, not just to the driver but to family, friends and the emergency services that are involved. The Police and Fire are already on board. This could possibly be tied in with Driving Ambitions. | SAS | Steven Gorman |  |
|  | **7.2 Police Scotland** | Jason Beeston was unable to attend the meeting so a further update will be at the next meeting. | P.S. |  |  |
| **8** | **8.1**  **Early Years**  **Childcare Partnership Update**  **8.2 Joint Provision Family Centre** | The last meeting of the Childcare Partnership was cancelled so Dawn gave a brief update of what their budget is used for. The budget is mainly used for sustainability services and is currently meeting the needs. They will provide funding for specific area such as domestic violence issues. One of grants for pre-school requirements such as need to meet grants or moves. After School funding, Childcare staff training – first aid, SVQ’s, moving & handling.  They are also finishing the mapping exercise – this will help to identify gaps in services such as training requirements.  It is very early days but there is talks with TYKES (The Young Karers East Sutherland) to get a financially viable family type centre for East Sutherland. This could be used by any service that has young people or children going to see them. The partnership will work closely with this developments. | HC  HC | Dawn Grant  Dawn Grant |  |
|  | **8.3 Engagement with Young People** | This will support young people from school to an apprenticeship or school to employment. It is preferred that a North Board consisting of Caithness & Sutherland could be made up instead of being part of the main board. Waiting to see if this is okay with the Scottish Government. It is hoping that both job and education based pupils will have the same support and outcomes and that there could be a possibility of being in school and doing an apprenticeship at the same time. | HC, HLH,  NHC | Deirdre Mackay |  |
| **9** | **Maimie Thompson & Bob Silverwood Presentation** | There is an ongoing issue with recruiting GPs and also GP training. They are starting to look at moving towards a team approach with GPs, Pharmacists Paramedics and other health care professionals all working together rather than an individual GP. Durness is currently trialling this. Community Engagements are ongoing to discuss GPs, Care-at-Home, Out of Hours, Caladh Sona and other issues. There will be presentations of how the services will work and give all the information that can be given as it is very important to give that to the communities to get honest feedback. | NHS | Maimie Thompson &  B. Silverwood |  |
| **10** | **Questions from the public** | The questions from the public were not accepted as they were not based on the meeting. The public were reminded about the correct procedure to get items onto the agenda. |  |  |  |
| **11** | **Date of next meeting** | Friday 28th August 2015 at 10.30am in HC Offices, Drummuie, Golspie | HC | Andy Mackay |  |
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