

CAITHNESS DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

ACTION NOTE FROM MEETING OF: 24 June 2016 in Town Hall, Wick

PRESENT: Cllr Willie Mackay - Chair (WM) THC, Dawn Grant (DG) THC, John West (JW) HLH, Cllr Gillian Coghill (GC) THC, Cllr Donnie Mackay (DM) THC, Keith Moncur (KM) HLH, Cllr Roger Saxon (RS) THC, Michelle Johnston (MJ) NHS, Ann Pascoe (AP) NHS, David Alston (DA) NHS, Andrew Dick (AD), Fire Service, Nina Semple (NS) Poppy Scotland, Alex Macmanus (AM), Ward Manager,

APOLOGIES: Mike Flavell, Pat Ramsay, Dr Borja Echavarren, Steven Gorman, Mary Burnside, Cllr Bill Fernie, Cllr Matthew Reiss

In attendance: Alison McDiarmid (Notes) and 3 members of the public

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	NAMED OFFICER	TIMESCALE
	Chair	<p>Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table. Offered congratulations to Cllr David Alston on his appointment as Chair of NHS Highland.</p> <p>Reminder from AM that all papers for the meeting are available on the Highland Council website.</p>			
	Previous Action Note - 18/03/16	Nil to discuss			
1	Children's Services - Child Care Mapping	<p>The Partnership were given a presentation by DG, the main points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Huge piece of work which was identified from North District Planning in the Care & Learning Management Team - Had to identify priorities within Caithness & Sutherland - what was already out in the Community for Children & Families which were being provided by Highland Council, partners agencies and 3rd Sector - Assisting with 3rd Sector sustainability funding - where it is not economically viable. Training for Care Inspectorate and Child Protection, as required - 3rd Sector are hugely important and have a strong working relationship with them - Many meetings were held, information gathered which helped with identifying duplication - Information collated will be distributed to schools, Highlife Highland and to any professionals that are interested 		DG	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the public may obtain information from Childcare Services via Clachnaharry, Inverness - Information gathered will never be 100% as things change - Review and update of the information will take place every 6 months by the Childcare and Family Resource Partnership - Funding is limited so if a service has not been identified by the Plan, it will not receive funding - One group identified was for Weaning - now have "Weaning Wednesdays" which are held in the Family Centre at Caithness House where parents/families can drop in to get advice, cooking skills, menus etc - Agreed that Fire Service information to be included <p>Further work on the plan/mapping will take place once the new Care & Learning Manager, Jacqueline Jennet, takes up post in August 2016.</p> <p>The Partnership wished it noted their compliments to DG et al for all their hard work in gaining the information.</p>			
	Questions from Members of the Public - Children's Services	No questions arose			
2	Adult Services - Poppy Scotland	<p>The Partnership were given a presentation by NS, the main points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raises over 2m from the Scottish Poppy Appeal and other year round fundraising, no statutory funding given - Financial assistance to ex-Service men and women and their families - noted that they have their sense of pride and can be difficult for them to ask for help - Merged with The Royal British Legion in June 2011 - Services offered - Tailored support and funding services <i>eg grants to individuals, mobility services and Poppy Break service (affiliation with Haven Holidays for respite/family holidays)</i>; Advice, information and support services; Employment services; Support to organisations - SSAFA (Armed Forces Charity) - 92% of grant applications are completed with assistance from SSAFA obtaining assistance from military organisations and charities throughout Scotland - Employment Support Grants - up to £2,000 available to undertake course of vocational training which will hopefully lead to sustainable employment 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lifeworks - week long course for those with a health condition which they consider to be a barrier to employment or those who are actively seeking work but regularly failing to gain employment or the job they want - Disclosure Service - Apex Scotland offers advice and guidance on how and when to disclose information on past or current convictions to prospective employers - Advice - Legion Scotland's Pension Advice Service; Armed Services Advice Project; Inverness Welfare Centre - Inverness Welfare Centre, open from Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm - mammoth amount of organisations to support armed forces and reservists. Since opening over 1600 individuals have accessed the service; over 500 accessed the general information and guidance service; 232 individuals with multiple needs benefited from the 1:1 specialist advice and support services. - New partnership between Veterans First Post (VIP) Scotland, NHS Highland and Poppy Scotland Inverness. Libor funded for 12 months; single point of access; health and wellbeing - mental health; Veteran Peer Support Workers - Any enquires can be made to - enquires@poppyscotland.org.uk or call Inverness Welfare Centre on 01463 710300 - Self-referrals, which amount to 80% of contact, can be made by phone, email or drop in. Also a family member or friend can advise but request is for them to pass onto the person requiring assistance. No referrals are made from the Armed Forces. 			
3	Adult Services - North Area Manager	<p>Michelle Johnstone, who has recently taken up her new role as North Area Manager for NHS Highland, gave a brief history into her healthcare background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1995 went to Dundee and Angus School of Nursing in Strathcathro Hospital which was a military and TB hospital - Has worked in both NHS and independent hospitals - Has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Nottingham University - Moved to Lincolnshire in 2002 and stayed there for 14 years, where she worked in NHS, Community and Senior Management <p>Trying to learn about the different geographical areas within Caithness & Sutherland along with NHS Highland. Finding the staff very helpful, proud and motivated of the service. Caithness Redesign Project is ongoing with which the staff are fully committed, well embedded and being proactive in pushing forward.</p> <p>Questions from the Partnership:</p>			

		<p>Q1 - Whether the Caithness Redesign Reference Group Programme Board would be meeting again soon? A - MR advised that it will be.</p> <p>Q2 - Why is there a severe lack of information being passed on to Councillors, Community Councils? Also NHS do not appear to work well with the local press A - DA has met with Iain Grant and Gordon Calder and was open about issues. The press is there for criticism and promotion eg A day in the life of. The press have been promoting the Anti Loneliness campaign and Archie Award.</p> <p>Q3 - Why can patients from out with our area not come to Caithness General Hospital for procedures and outpatients? A - MR - with the ongoing Redesign taking place, seeing what we can do and what can be offered but it must be clinically safe</p>			
	Questions from Members of the Public - Adult Services	<p>Q1 - Concerns re pregnant ladies, one mum who was in labour had to go down by bus to Raigmore Hospital A - MR responded that the National and Local reviews into Maternity Services is ongoing and on the radar. DA advised that the National Review will report in the Summer but no exact date available. Unsure about the Serious Incident Review but will advise.</p> <p><i>Mairi McIlwraith, Scottish Healthcare Council would like to meet up with MR to discuss how the Council can assist with public involvement</i></p>			
4.	Self-Managed Development Fund	<p>WM updated the Partnership regarding the second lot of funding which was awarded in March 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caithness Mental Health Group - £5,000 - Dunbeath & District Centre - £3,445 - Friends of Town & County Hospital Garden Fund - £5,000 <p>Total of £34,300 of the £40,000 has been awarded</p> <p>AM wished it noted his grateful thanks to Yvonne Hendry, Caithness Voluntary Group for all her hard work involved with the Fund.</p>			
5.	Any Other Current Business	<p>Future Meetings - proposals for the new format of future Partnership meetings were advised to Chairs and Vice-chairs recently. Final decisions have yet to be made. There will be 5 core partners - Highland Council, NHS, Fire, Police and HIE. 9 or 10 Community Partnerships which will be shared between the 5 core partners and thereafter will involve the community/local organisations. There is a common commitment to public engagement. Expectation that they will be Action groups not talking groups. Scottish Healthcare Council can assist with the integration of the</p>			

		Community Partnerships in the communities. There will still be meetings held in public. Information is best shared “locally up to central down”			
6.	Next Meeting	Friday 28 October 2016			

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