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Care at Home Development Fund

Joint Report by Director of Strategic Commissioning, Planning and Performance (NHSH) and Director of Care and Learning (THC)

Summary

This report describes the development of an innovative approach to developing community based care at home services. Members of the Committee are asked to note the developments and support local initiatives.

1. Background

1.1 The Highland Council, and subsequently the NHS, has long experienced difficulty in recruiting sufficient people to provide care at home services in remote rural communities. Over the last few years, however, a new model has been developed whereby communities develop the services in partnership with the NHS and established providers. This approach, which is now in place in several locations, has been enabling services to be provided in places where, previously, none were in place.

2. Current Position

2.1 The development of community based care at home services is now gaining momentum, however support needs to be provided to enable the spread and share of practice to assist those communities that are providing care; and those who wish to visit to learn how to implement this model.

2.2 To this end, a fund of £10,000 has been made available to support the development of Community Care at Home Initiatives.

2.3 The fund will be accessed via the Care at Home Development staff currently working with communities, and will provide small scale grants to assist with visiting and set up costs.

3. Implications

3.1 **Resource** – these are set out in this report.

3.2 **Climate Change/Carbon Clever** – As local services reduce the need for travel, further developments will be carbon clever.

3.3 **Rural** – It is envisaged that this fund should be particularly helpful to rural communities.

3.4 There are no **Legal, Equalities, Gaelic or Risk** implications to highlight.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Committee is asked to note the development of a Community Care at Home Development Fund and support local initiatives.

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