

Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Wednesday 11 February, 9.30am – 11.00pm

Rothes Halls, Glenrothes

Present:

Kenny Murphy (Chair), Jo Clark, Christine Davison, Sandy MacKenzie, Jacquie Mellon, Janine Stenhouse – Fife Voluntary Action
Billy Lynch – Frontline Fife
Bill Baird – Royal Voluntary Service
Anne Buchanan – Alzheimer Scotland
Trudy Doidge – Enable
Louise Hutton – NHS Fife Health Promotion
Bert Lumsden – Age Concern Glenrothes
Jane Maciver – LINK – East Fife Mental Health Adolescent Befriending Project
Eileen McCrossan – Scottish Autism
Leeann McLaren – Glenrothes YMCA
Duncan Mitchell – Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT)
David Paton – Homelands Trust
Senga Smith – LINK – East Fife Mental Health Adult Befriending Project
Sarah Somerville – BRAG
John Stirling – Disabilities Fife
Anna Rolink – SAMH Going Forth
Lynne Ogilvie – Fife Shopping and Support Services

Update on Integration

The consultation on the Integration Scheme was a key item on the agenda at the shadow integration board meeting. The Integration Scheme is the legal document which outlines how social work and health services will work together. Voting arrangements are outlined in the scheme and were raised during the meeting. It has been discussed at previous Health and Social Care (H&SC) Forums that only public sector partners (Fife Council and NHS Fife) will have voting rights on the board. Meaning the third, private and any other non-public sector member will not have a vote on the board. The final version of the Integration Scheme is to be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval in March 2015.

The Strategic Plan was discussed next as this is currently under development. The Strategic Plan will outline what services are needed, where, and how services are to be delivered.

The Integration Scheme and Strategic Plan must be Scottish Government approved by April 2016 or the government will deliver adult services in Fife.

Integrated Care Fund

The final decision from the Scottish Government on Fife's proposal for the £6.73 million share of the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) will be announced shortly. Initial impressions would suggest the Scottish Government are satisfied with the bid. There were challenges during this process. Strict criteria was imposed which meant projects who received funding must be up and running by 01 April as the fund is for 12 months only. This required projects have a demonstrable capacity and evidence that projects were successful. A lack of time required FVA to submit proposals for projects it had evaluation data for and that could meet the criteria set – the Reshaping Care for Older People (RCOP) projects. It is still unclear how money allocated to Local Area Coordinators and a befriending project will be spent.

Kenny updated the group that two of the three divisional general managers (DGM) have been [appointed](#), they are:

- Julie Paterson, currently Head of Adult Services with Fife Council;
- David Heaney, currently Service Manager (Resources) with East Lothian Council

Vicky Irons (who was previously announced as the DGM for East Fife) is leaving and this post will be refilled. There is still no detail of how the seven localities will be run by the three DGM's. The group discussed the lack of sustainable, consistent funding. Year after year third sector organisations put staff on redundancy warnings until funding is confirmed or alternative funding is found. Kenny reinforces that FVA can offer advice and information on employment law if organisations have concerns they wish to discuss.

Kenny highlighted the *“Services for older people in Fife”* joint inspection by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. This was discussed at the January H&SC Forum. A short presentation on this report can be found [here](#).

Role of FVA

Kenny introduced Sandy MacKenzie to the group. Sandy is only employed for a short time but will contribute greatly by helping FVA better understand the complex policy landscape that lies within H&SC. This will allow FVA to better focus on where the priorities for the third sector lie and where we can have most impact. This impact can then be promoted amongst partners to show the value the third sector brings to the table.

Individual Placement Support (IPS) – Duncan Mitchell, Fife Employment Access Trust

Duncan then presented on the IPS model. This is an evidence based model of employment support which places an individual who wants to work into a job, and then supports them and the employer with challenges/barriers they may face. Traditional employability support focuses on breaking down barriers before someone enters employment, however the IPS model flips this around. In Fife this is a cross-sectoral, partnership approach focusing on those with mental health conditions who wish to enter into employment.