ABSTRACT

Elected members are reminded of committee report 578/07 which was submitted on 19 June 2007 informing members about the Tayside Neurological Redesign Project. The purpose of this report is to advise the Social Work and Health Committee about the development of the Tayside Neurological Redesign Model. This project model provides an opportunity for the three Tayside Local Authorities to achieve service improvement objectives across a range of initiatives and develop transformational change that will improve outcomes for people in need of Community Care and Health services.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

i) notes the content of this report;
ii) notes the proposal to support the neurological redesign model.

2 INTRODUCTION

It is estimated that 1 in 5 of the population have a long term neurological condition which equates to approximately 79,000 people across Tayside. Some people are born with neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy and epilepsy whilst others develop progressive illnesses later in life such as Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington’s and Motor Neurone Disease. In addition, many people sustain acquired brain injuries every year following acute events such as stroke or trauma. It should be noted that Tayside has a higher than average number of people with Multiple Sclerosis and Huntington’s and that there is a need to improve outcomes for all those affected by neurological conditions.

This redesign project aims to transform the way in which people are supported to recover from acute episodes of trauma/illness and to manage long term neurological conditions. Robert Peat, Director of Social Work and Health in Angus represents the three Local Authorities on the Project Board which has approved a strategic model to take forward a whole systems redesign of services.

The key principles underpinning the neurological redesign model are:

- Prompt and equitable access to diagnosis and treatment
• People supported within rehabilitation pathways, in the right place at the right time by people with the right level of skill and expertise.

• Care seamlessly integrated across organisational boundaries.

• People centred services based on enablement and self management and delivered as close to home as possible.

• Anticipatory and evidence based care across all services

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the three Local Authorities across Tayside commit to the neuro redesign project model. Committing to the model would also form an agreement in principle to exploring options to working in partnership with NHS Tayside, the Angus Community Health Partnership and Sue Ryder Care.

Sue Ryder Care is a national charity with a proven track record in the delivery of a range of community care services. They have identified Tayside as an area requiring investment and redesign to improve outcomes for people affected by neurological conditions. They have indicated that they would like to become key partners in the project by providing significant funding to achieve a whole systems redesign of services.

Working in partnership to redesign neurological services in Tayside provides a unique opportunity for the three Local Authorities to achieve service improvement objectives across a range of initiatives and develop transformational change that will improve outcomes for people in need of Community Care and Health services.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising out of this report. Further consultation will be undertaken with elected members as the project develops and formal proposals will be brought back to Social Work and Health Committee.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

R Peat
Director of Social Work and Health

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.