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**To: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board**

**On: 25 January 2019**

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**Report by: Chief Officer**

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**Heading: Update on Capability Scotland Services – Whitehaugh & West Lane Gardens**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This paper provides an update to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of Capability Scotland Day Care Services for adults with learning disabilities in Renfrewshire.
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**2. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the IJB:

- Note that Capability Scotland have continued to operate this service, using the extended funding made available from Renfrewshire Council. They will cease to operate from April 2019;
  - Note that a number of service users have been supported to move on to alternative service provision;
  - Note the ongoing work supporting remaining service users and their families/carers in relation to future care requirements; and
  - Note the extension of our existing Community Networks Service into the Johnstone area.
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**3. Background**

- 3.1 Capability Scotland operates two Day Services in Renfrewshire for adults with a learning disability, located at Whitehaugh and West Lane Gardens. These are delivered on behalf of the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).
- 3.2 In July 2017, Capability Scotland served formal notice to the HSCP Chief Officer on their intention to withdraw from their current contract on 20 October 2017, noting the current service model had accrued significant annual financial deficits and was no longer seen by Capability Scotland to be financially viable going forward.

3.3 Renfrewshire Council's 2018/19 Budget included an approved motion in relation Capability Scotland which stated:

"In addition, agree that the required draw is made in 2018/19 from the resources carried forward to support Adult Social Care as referred to in paragraph 1.10 of the Director's report, to fund the Health and Social Care Partnership for the provision of Day Care Services currently provided at West Lane Gardens (WLG) in Johnstone and Whitehaugh in Paisley until the end of 2018/19, providing greater time to support families to meet the choices being made by clients as to their care requirements."

This was approved by the IJB on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. This was to provide a longer period to support service users and their families/carers to consider alternative service options and to make choices regarding their future care requirements.

Previously the IJB had noted a number of issues that should be addressed as part of the ongoing change to services. These included:

- That Renfrewshire HSCP staff would continue to work with service users and carers/family members to identify alternative provision arrangements in line with their Individual Plans and SDS budgets;
- That we remain open to developing other service models;
- That we ensure effective communication in our work with service users, carers and families;
- That officers do all they can, as part of the transitional period, to ensure no diminution of service to service users.

3.5 Throughout this process, Renfrewshire HSCP has continued to work with service users, families and carers to identify alternative service provision. It is important that we continue to recognise the challenge that this change presents to service users and their family members and carers. We have sought to acknowledge the uncertainty that such change can bring and our approach has reflected this in the way we have engaged and supported service users to explore options and to visit alternative services. It has been from this that service users have been able to make informed choices about how their Self-Directed Support (SDS) budgets can be utilised.

3.6 At the beginning of this process there were a total of 47 service users attending across Whitehaugh and West Lane Gardens.

- All service users have been assessed and allocated individual SDS budgets;

- Almost half of these service users have moved on or are in transition to a positive destination in terms of future service provision;
- Through our work with service users and families a number of people expressed their interest in the Community Networks Service but only if it was made available in the Johnstone area;
- There are a small number of individuals who have not yet identified alternative service provision. The HSCP will continue to engage with these individuals to explore available options.

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#### **4. Extension of Community Networks**

- 4.1 Community Networks currently operates in the Paisley area. In response to the requests for this service to be available in the Johnstone area, the Community Networks Service is being extended. The HSCP are currently working with Renfrewshire Council to scope out the property options available for a Community Networks Hub in Johnstone. The building at West Lane Gardens is being considered, alongside other properties in the Johnstone area.
- 4.3 A range of options are being explored in relation to staffing of the future service, including working closely with Capability Scotland.

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#### **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1 The HSCP will continue to work with service users to support their transition to the range of alternative service provision available, including the newly extended Community Networks Service in Johnstone.
- 5.2 The HSCP will work with key stakeholders to take forward the Community Networks Service extension.

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#### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – the cost will be met within existing budget
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – Discussions ongoing with HR and Capability Scotland
3. **Community Planning** – Nil
4. **Legal** – discussions ongoing with HR and Capability Scotland
5. **Property/Assets** – work is underway to identify suitable property in the Johnstone area
6. **Information Technology** – Nil.

7. **Equality & Human Rights** – this report relates to social care services provided for one care group - Learning Disabilities service users and their carers
8. **Health & Safety** – Nil
9. **Procurement** – Nil
10. **Risk** – as highlighted within the report.
11. **Privacy Impact** – Nil

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