
To: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

On: 29 June 2018

Report by: Chief Officer

Heading: Update on Capability Scotland

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 are continuing to operate this service, using the the available funding from Renfrewshire Council, over the course of 2018/19; and
 - Note the ongoing work to support individual service users and their families/carers in relation to their care requirements
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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 23rd 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.

- 3.5 Throughout this process, Renfrewshire HSCP has worked to be supportive and engage in a positive way with service users and family member/carers. This is central to how we work where a service is changing and this remains at the core of our approach. It is also important in providing this update to the IJB that we again recognise the challenge that this change presents to service users and their family members/carers. We have sought to acknowledge the uncertainty that such change can bring. Our approach has reflected this in the way we have engaged and supported service users to explore options and to visit alternative services and from this make choices about how Self Directed Support (SDS) budgets will be used.

4. Ongoing work to support Service Users

- 4.1 At the IJB on 23 March, it was agreed we would provide an update to the June IJB confirming progress with the service user assessments and progress in establishing for each service, their SDS budget. To date, staff from the Renfrewshire Learning Disability Service (RLDS) have worked with all the current Capability Scotland service users (42 at present) and parents/carers to undertake individual assessments of their current needs and these are all completed. All service users have also been allocated an individual SDS budget.
- 4.2 In supporting service users in considering how they might use their budget, the HSCP held a provider event on 30 January 2018 to provide service users and their family members/carers with a greater awareness of the alternative service options available within Renfrewshire.
- 4.3 Work continues to support service users and their families/carers to consider options, in line with SDS legislation, and to meet their choice of care provision. To this end RLDS has two dedicated resource officers to support service users during 2018/19.

- 4.4 Links to the range of service will continue to be supported and this will include the HSCP managed Community Networks Service. Information has been made available at West Lane Gardens and Whitehaugh inviting service users to an open session at the Community Networks Service in early June 2018 which was positively welcomed by service users who attended. This session has been planned by Community Networks and enabled Capability service users to meet with Network users, view a DVD and find out more about the Service.
- 4.5 Community Networks are planning a follow up open event for families/carers to demonstrate the model of the service provided, and to facilitate further engagement.
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5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Renfrewshire HSCP will continue to support individual service users and their carers/families in relation to their care requirements.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Nil
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – Nil.
 3. **Community Planning** – Nil
 4. **Legal** – Nil
 5. **Property/Assets** – Nil
 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** – review of Capability Scotland's alternative service model has been appraised by Renfrewshire Council's Procurement Services
 10. **Risk** – as highlighted within the report.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – Nil
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