
To: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

On: 22 March 2019

Report by: Chief Officer

Heading: Review of Learning Disability Day and Respite Services

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Change and Improvement Programme, Paradigm were commissioned in August 2018 to support the Review of Learning Disability Day and Respite Services.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Review was to assess all aspects of Renfrewshire's Learning Disability Day and Respite Services to ensure they are modern, flexible, outcome focused; financially efficient and 'fit for the future'.
- 1.3 This paper highlights to members of the IJB the progress to date and the associated next steps for the Review of Learning Disability Day and Respite Services.
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2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the IJB:

- Note the content of the Paradigm Report;
 - Note the HSCP's commitment to further consultation and engagement; and
 - Note that a subsequent paper to be presented to the June IJB which will include the outcome of consultation and an outline of HSCP response and next steps.
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3. Summary

- 3.1 In August 2018 Renfrewshire HSCP commissioned Paradigm to support the Review of Learning Disability Day and Respite Services.
- 3.2 The Review was met by concern from some carers. They believed that the aim of the Review was to close day centres and to make cuts to service provision.

- 3.3 Renfrewshire HSCP has provided consistent reassurances that this was never the intention and much work has been done to ensure all who wanted to contribute to the Review had the opportunity to do so.
- 3.4 Over the course of the Review, Paradigm have engaged with over 300 people and undertaken research to support recommendations across 4 broad themes. These include:
- Strategic Direction and Relationships
 - Day Opportunities
 - Respite and Short Breaks
 - People and Processes
- 3.5 Paradigm's full report is attached for members' information and comment.
- 3.6 It should be noted that Paradigm's work focused on services and supports for people with a learning disability, and those with a learning disability and autism. Outwith this Review, work is ongoing in the HSCP in relation to service provision for people with autism who do not have a learning disability.
- 3.7 Capability Scotland Services were not included within the scope of this Review. However, service users, families and carers associated with the services at West Lane Gardens and Whitehaugh were invited to participate in the Review. The IJB have been kept up to date on these two Capability Scotland Services.
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4. Consultation

- 4.1 In response to Paradigm's report, the HSCP would like to highlight to members our commitment to meaningful engagement with key stakeholders on the Review findings and recommendations.
- 4.2 The initial consultation launch took place on Thursday 21 February 2019 at an extended Learning Disability Planning Group Meeting. Prior to the Review getting underway, the HSCP had agreed that Paradigm would present the Review findings and recommendations to the Learning Disability Planning Group before wider consultation. This initial consultation was attended by over 50 people including families and carers, people with learning disability, support staff and management, together with the IJB Chair and Vice Chair.
- 4.3 All attendees had contributed to the Review in some way, and they were invited to the 21 February session via their membership of two key groups:
- Learning Disability Planning Group
 - Review Reference Group

- 4.4 Paradigm noted that some tension remained between people who wish to maintain the status quo in relation to service provision and those who would like different opportunities explored further.
- 4.5 There remains suspicion amongst some carers that the Review will result in cuts to services or closures of Day Centres. Some carers at the consultation were looking for assurances that there would be no change at all in the care of their family member now or in the future.
- 4.8 Given this was the beginning of our consultation on Paradigm's report, it's findings and recommendations, it is too early to say whether the views expressed at this initial consultation session are fully representative of carers in Renfrewshire.
- 4.9 One of Paradigm's recommendations was for a Learning Disability Strategy to be developed for Renfrewshire. There were mixed views expressed about this as many felt that there were enough strategies and what they wanted was a Plan of Action rather than another strategy. At this point, it is the preferred way forward for the HSCP to establish an Action Plan.
- 4.10 Further events are ongoing throughout March and April 2019.
- 4.11 In addition to the events, Paradigm's report was made available on RHSCP website from Monday 25th February 2019, for a 6-week period to enable people to share their views and comments on the findings. This consultation period will be open until Monday 8th April 2019. www.renfrewshire.hscp.scot/LDReview
- 4.12 Hard copies of the report are available upon request. We have also provided hard copies at key locations, including the Renfrewshire Carers Centre. Work is also underway to create accessible documents and a video to communicate the Review findings and recommendations to people with learning disabilities.
- 4.13 A verbal update on responses and emerging themes will be provided at the IJB.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The key focus over the coming months will be the consultation on Paradigm's report as outlined above.
- 5.2 A priority will be to ensure we have the best network to provide opportunity for the diverse range of views to be captured.
- 5.3 Paradigm's report strongly advocates for '*Co-production*'. An early action will be to define what '*Co-production*' means for how we plan and deliver services. By doing this we will ensure people have a common understanding

of how we can work together to drive forward continuous improvement in services and in our work with service users, carers and family members. .

- 5.4 The outcome of the consultation, alongside identified priority areas will be shared with the IJB in June 2019.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None. There are no financial savings associated with the Review.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** – None
4. **Legal** – None
5. **Property/Assets** – None
6. **Information Technology** – None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – None. On conclusion of consultation, RHSCP will put forward proposals in response to Paradigms recommendations these proposals will be subject to EQIA screening.
8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** – N/A

List of Background Papers – None.

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