

# ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

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## Strategic Plan Consultation



As part of the Strategic Plan consultation a wide range of public events, information sessions and community engagement was carried out across Argyll and Bute during the consultation period from September until the end of November.

Independent Consultants, *Involving Expertise*, were commissioned by the HSCP to assist with the co-ordination and facilitation of the community engagement and to support the overall consultation. The consultants were also tasked with capturing all the feedback and comments received and to use this and all the other information collated to produce a consultation report. This report will be finalised shortly and the HSCP will ensure that it is made widely available.

The HSCP would like to thank everyone who assisted and participated in the consultation and we look forward to continuing to work closely with local communities and other stakeholders across Argyll and Bute in the years to come.

## Who's Who on the Integration Joint Board



In each edition we will be introducing one of the members of the Integration Joint Board and this month we are spotlighting Service User Representative Betty Rhodick. Betty says: "I was born in Huntly in Aberdeenshire and married my husband George who was a soldier in 1971. We have 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys, and my oldest son has just completed 22 years service with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, the same regiment as his dad.

I have lived in Mid Argyll since 1982 and have been involved in the local community in a whole range of different roles including helping out on local hall committees, helping with Christmas party fundraising groups and as a local member of the Scottish Women's Institutes.

I really enjoy helping my community and this was one of the reasons I decided nearly 30 years ago to become involved in my local Community Council, firstly in the Dunadd area and now in Lochgilphead. I was on the first committee to start the Lochgilphead Christmas lights 10 years ago and I also called a meeting 6 years ago and from that the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day began. This is a very successful project and brings visitors and business to the area.

I have a great deal of experience in health and social care and worked in Argyll and Bute hospital and also with Enable (Scotland) as a community support worker assisting and supporting people to live independently in their own home. I also do overnight response with Carr Gomm when required. All of these jobs have given me a real insight into working practices both from the point of view as a service user and as a worker.

I see my role on the Integration Joint Board as questioning decisions when appropriate and putting across the views and concerns of the public. I also think that it is important to speak up when I think something is not right and at the same time to let people know of a job well done. Finally, I am also not afraid to ask questions of 'People in Power' or to speak up for people who may be overwhelmed by situations."

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## Integrated Care Fund

The Scottish Government is providing Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) across Scotland with a source of funding over the next 3 years through the Integrated Care Fund (ICF). The Government has highlighted that this funding should be used by HSCPs to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals through: a more preventative approach to healthcare, supporting adults who may have more than one health condition and ensuring that the appropriate care is provided to tackle inequalities.

Argyll and Bute HSCP received £1.84m for this year and of this £1.04m has been directed towards building on health and social care services across Argyll and Bute. These include:

**Management and prevention of falls** - falls are more likely as we age, however exercise can improve strength and balance keeping people fit and active and avoiding admissions to hospital

**Telehealthcare** - using new technology to help with health related issues

**Self management** - assisting and empowering patients to manage their illness

**Reablement** - helping people to regain the ability to look after themselves

**Integrated Equipment Store/Care and Repair Team** - enhancing the scale and range of equipment and response time to support people in their own homes and facilitate safe discharge from hospital

The remaining £800,000 from the ICF was directed to local communities across Argyll and Bute with £200,000 allocated to the following 4 areas: 1) Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay 2) Cowal and Bute 3) Helensburgh and Lomond 4) Oban, Lorn & the Isles.



The HSCP invited applications to apply for this locality funding and 90 bids were received totalling £2.6m for the £800,000 funding that was available. The standard and number of bids received was high and the HSCP thanks all of the groups who took time to prepare and submit applications.

A prioritisation process was required to review the bids and in each of the 4 localities a panel of local stakeholders was set up. All applicants have now been informed of the decision made and provided with feedback from the panel.

The HSCP now has a wide range of exciting work emanating from the locality ICF bids. Some examples include:

**Increased availability of health technology** - to support people to live at home safely through the installation of an alarm as part of their anticipatory care plan. This will enable more people to receive an appropriate response in an emergency from the integrated health and social care team.

**Feedback from service users** - An initiative to seek feedback from those people who use our services to capture what is really important to them to help us deliver services.

**Improved health and wellbeing** - Increased opportunities for exercise classes to improve health and wellbeing and support independent living.

## **Integration Joint Board Looking for Carer to Join Board**

Would you like to help shape the future of health and social care for the residents of Argyll and Bute?

The Integration Joint Board is seeking 1 non-voting Board member, who will be able to represent and promote the interests of unpaid/family carers. To fulfil legislative requirements **this member must be an unpaid carer.**

The commitment varies but is approximately 6 hours monthly, with additional time required for personal preparation, travel, and communication with the groups, networks and individuals.

This is a non-paid position; however, travel and subsistence expenses will be fully reimbursed in line with NHS Highland Volunteering Policy.

For more information and details of how to apply please visit the news section of the integration website: [www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.uk](http://www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.uk)

## **Working Together to Improve Health and Social Care**



Our Voice is based on a vision where everyone is given the power to influence how Scotland's Health and Social Care services are run. This includes those who use it, organisations, carers and members of the public.

Our Voice is being developed in partnership with the Scottish Health Council, Healthcare Improvement Scotland Public Partners, COSLA, The Scottish Government, The ALLIANCE and other Third Sector Partners.

Our Voice will operate at individual, local and national level to support improvement and to empower people to be equal partners in their care.

For more information on Our Voices please go to:

[www.scottishhealthcouncil.org/ourvoice.aspx](http://www.scottishhealthcouncil.org/ourvoice.aspx)

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# HSCP Senior Management Team

There are 3 main operational areas in the HSCP:

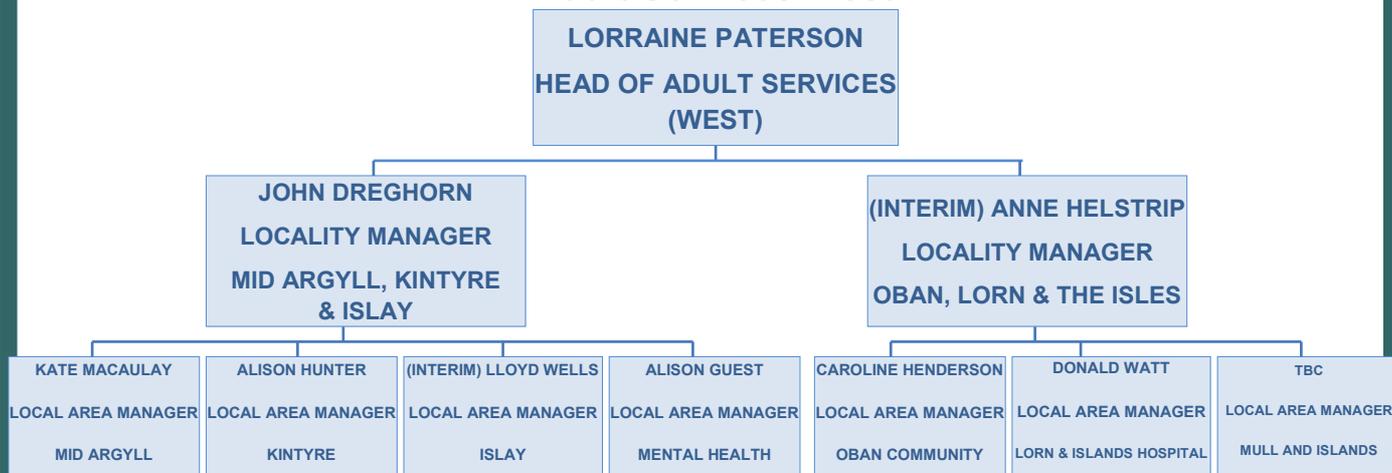
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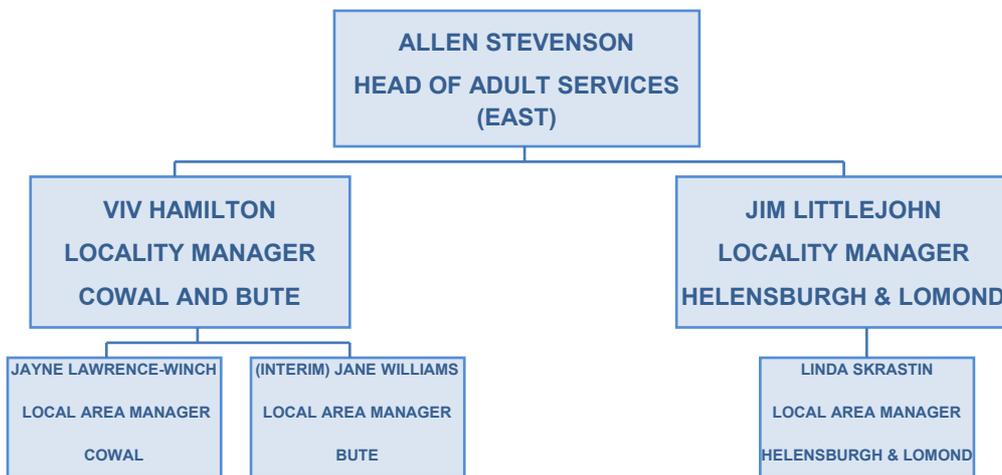
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## Chief Officer - Christina West

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