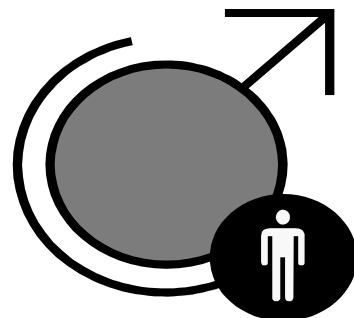
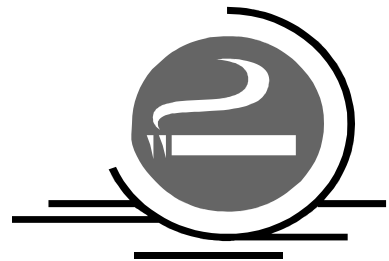
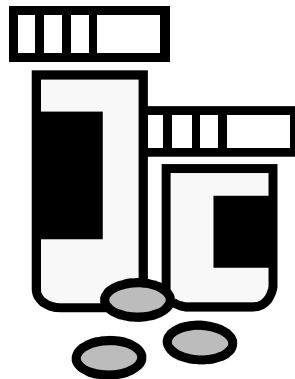
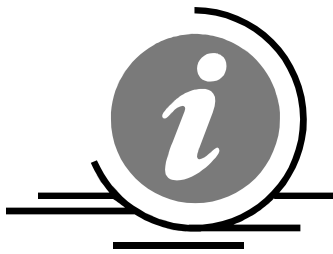
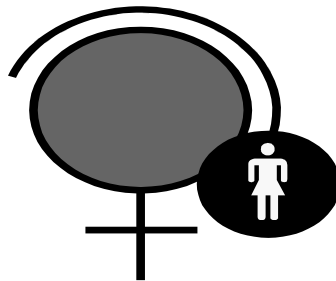
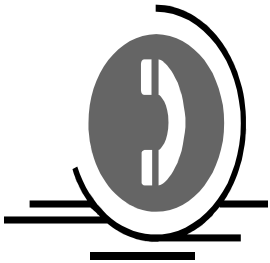


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A Voluntary Sector Briefing



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In 2003 the department of Health began the process of bringing about change in the NHS structure to bring about better working relationships between primary care and social care, that is improved communication and working practices between health boards and local authorities to ensure improved service delivery and a combined approach to health service design.

In addition to improved partnerships between the two main partners the new legislation also identifies the need for a more proactive engagement between health sector agencies and the voluntary sector. To this end the guidance issued by the department of health calls for a coordinated approach and seeks the input of the voluntary sector to ensure a more robust overview of service delivery and design.

Further more, the guidance calls for a more pragmatic approach to public participation from small non-service delivering organisations and private individuals. The guidance stipulates that local Public Partnership Forum or PPF should be set up to facilitate this engagement process.

What is the CHP?

To ensure that the NHS had a cohesive approach to this change the legislation has created a body know as the 'Community Health Partnership', or for short CHP. Various CHP's structures have been created across Health Boards and some have been created in conjunction with local authorities to create Community Health and Social Care Partnerships or CHSCP.

In West Dunbartonshire the CHP is for the moment a Health only CHP with the local authority investigating ways in which it can engage with the new structure. The new structure has combined the Local Health Care Co-operatives for Clydebank and Lomond in to one West Dunbartonshire CHP, which has a board of directors and a management structure under review. The Board will consist not only of clinical practitioners but also an elected representative and two representatives from the PPF. West Dunbartonshire CHP will cover the council area of West Dunbartonshire.

What is the structure and engagement process for Voluntary Organisations providing services in West Dunbartonshire?

Initial discussions between the two Health Boards Argyll & Clyde and Greater Glasgow, have secured initial agreement on the structure of the CHP and secured a voice for the local service providing Voluntary Sector via a Facilitated Voluntary Sector Network or FVSN for short, this is to enable a unified sector approach to CHP business. This network will be facilitated by WDCVS and allow local providers the opportunity to interact directly with the CHP structure. As yet the Voluntary Sector has not been invited to sit on the Board directly, though it is hoped that the initial work done in the first twelve months of the FVSN will further make the case for direct representation from the Sector.

What is the role of the local voluntary sector?

In terms of participating in the CHP structure, the local sector will have two options the first being based on their ability to deliver services on behalf of the CHP via the FVHSN and secondly for non-service providing organisations via the PPF.

Progress So Far...and FVHSN information

Facilitated Voluntary Health Sector Network: agreed and funded for a 12 month period with initial Action Plan being formulated. First meeting of the FVHSN to be held on:

Monday 5th September 12.15 – 2.00 p.m. in the Beardmore Business Centre, Beardmore St, Dalmuir – refreshments provided

For your invitation to the above event or for more information on the facilitated network, please contact the link officer:

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Links for further information:

Community Health Partnership: www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/chp/index.htm

E-CHIP www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/echip

Voluntary Health Scotland www.vhscotland.org.uk

The Kerr Report www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/924/0012113.pdf

WDCVS FVHSN – www.wdcvs.com/fvhsn.html

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