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Resource	HSCP		Service/Establishment Joint
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Members	Jacqueline Carson Service Improvement lead, Chris Kelly Health Improvement Officer, Joanne McGinley Operations Manager Carers of West Dunbartonshire, Lynne O'Donnell Service Manager Learning Disability Services, Arlene Mustarde, Older adult day service, Suzanne O'Neil Day Service Manager Older Adults, Sarah Louise Fleming Self Directed Officer Children Services.		
	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>		
Policy Title	Health and Social Care Partnership HSCP Assisted Transport Policy		
	The aim, objective, purpose and intended out come of policy		
	<p>This policy has been developed to provide a fair, equitable and transparent approach to transport provision applied across HSCP services by empowering and enabling individuals to be as independent and in control of their lives as they want and can be. Promoting wellbeing and meeting needs is not always about direct service provision, as other means of support may be more appropriate to meeting an individual's needs, such as information and advice, universal services, preventative interventions, community and voluntary resources, carers and Self-Directed Support Payments. This policy outlines a consistent and equitable way of supporting people in the provision of 'assisted transport'. However, the policy also seeks to encourage reduced dependency on transport provided by the HSCP via West Dunbartonshire Council and at the same time to maximise independence and the use of community-based resources. The overriding principle of this policy is that the decision to provide transport is based on promoting independence and wellbeing. Best Value and cost effectiveness will, by necessity, also be a consideration. The policy will be implemented within the HSCP with operational procedures to ensure consistency in practice across the service and within teams.</p>		
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.		
	<p>Focussed Groups with those currently using services. Carers focus group support and facilitated by cares of West Dunbartonshire Online Survey shared with partners Big Disability Group, carers of west Dunbartonshire and Lomond argyll advocacy service Online Survey Link share on HSCP internet page inviting those who use services, carers and families to complete.</p>		
Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?			Yes
If yes please confirm that you have contacted our procurement services to discuss your requirements.			No
SCREENING			

You must indicate if there is any relevance to the four areas			
Duty to eliminate discrimination (E), advance equal opportunities (A) or foster good relations (F)		Yes	
Relevance to Human Rights (HR)		Yes	
Relevance to Health Impacts (H)		Yes	
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)		Yes	
Who will be affected by this policy?			
All adults and children eligible for social work services			
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?			
HSCP partners, carers , service users and staff.			
Please outline any particular need/barriers which equality groups may have in relation to this policy list evidence you are using to support this and whether there is any negative impact on particular groups.			
	Needs	Evidence	Impact
Age	As people age they are more likely to require Health and social Care support due to their advancing fragility. Younger people up to the age of 22years are entitled to free travel.	West Dunbartonshire has an aging population. In terms of overall size, the 45-64 age group was the largest in 2020, with a population of 25,646 (29%). Therefore in the coming years pressure on older adult services will increase as this population gets older. Adults who are over the working age can not apply for PiP –reducing access to Mobility component. In July 2022, there were 3,041 adults aged 16-74 claiming (Personal Independence Payment) PIP* at the Mobility Award Enhanced Rate in West Dunbartonshire. This was 43% of all adults claiming PIP in West Dunbartonshire. The proportion of People claiming PIP in receipt of the	

		Mobility Award Enhanced Rate was highest among the 16-19 year and 60-74 age group, and lowest among the 25-49 year age group.	
Cross Cutting			
Disability	This group is more likely to require support with transport, due to physical or cognitive impairments. It can be difficult to access transport if you require the use of mobility aids.	The 2011 Scottish Census states 8.3% of individuals within West Dun have a physical disability. Additionally, the older you are the more likely you are to have a disability. It is estimated that, in 2019, over half (51%) of the population aged 75 or over had a disability	Positive Impact Eligibility criteria has been established to target those with a disability thus increasing the likelihood of those with a disability being able to access assisted transport provision. Negative impact If this group through assessment are not eligible of support with transport then this could result in withdrawing from services resulting in isolation. Some people due to disability can be vulnerable when using public transport .
Social & Economic Impact	A lot of those in receipt of social care services, main income is benefit based.	Between 2015 and 2019, 12% of pensioners in Scotland were in persistent poverty after housing costs, unchanged from the previous period. There is an increase to the cost of living and consumables across the country. With inflation currently sitting at 10.7%	Negative Impact The inability to access free assisted transport may impede service users in accessing services due to costs Positive Impact Considering other methods of transport such as cycling and walking is more environmentally friendly as well as less costly
Sex		As of 2020, the gender split of the population showed more females	

		(52.2%) than males (47.8%) living in West Dunbartonshire	
Gender Reassign			Potential negative impacts, no targeted actions
Health		Healthy life expectancy has decreased in West Dunbartonshire to 58.1 years for males and 58.5 for females. This is in line with a picture of declining healthy life expectancy for Scotland as a whole.	With health conditions having a significant impact on individuals across West Dunbartonshire, the increase in demand for social care and associated assisted transport with increase
Human Rights			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			non noted
Pregnancy & Maternity			non noted
Race		Most residents (93%) of West Dunbartonshire identified as being white Scottish. This is almost 10% greater than the Scottish figure of 84%. Those identifying as being White other British, White Irish, White Polish, White Other comprise 5.5% of the population (compared to 12% in Scotland as whole) with just 1.5% identifying as Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British, or 'other ethnicity', which is lower than Scotland at 4%	Potential negative impacts, no targeted actions
Religion and Belief			Non noted
Sexual Orientation			
Actions			
Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented,			

please provide justification for this.

Any negative impacts will be mitigated by good care and support planning.

Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?

The impact of the policy will be monitored through the continuous improvement frameworks currently being adopted within the HSCP

Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?

Introduce

Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation

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