

## **Chief Social Work Officer Report 2013/14**

### **Report by Eibhlin McHugh, Director of Health and Social Care**

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

The report highlights the work within social work and social care services for the period 2013/14.

#### **2 Background**

##### **2.1** In compliance with their statutory functions under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, all Local Authorities have CSWOs.

The overall purpose of the report is to present succinctly and clearly how social work services are being delivered, what is working well, what is not and why and how Midlothian Council, and partners, are planning for and delivering change.

The report highlights innovative and good practice as well as areas of challenge for Midlothian.

The report also demonstrates the contribution of social work services to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement and, in the context of integration of adult health and social care services, to the national health and well-being outcomes. It also demonstrates how social services are improving in line with the wider Public Service Reform agenda

#### **3 Report Implications**

##### **3.1 Resource**

##### **3.1.1** There are no direct financial implications of this report however the report does highlight some of the pressures faced within social work and social care services which will have an impact on budgets.

##### **3.2 Risk**

There are no direct risks relating to this report.

The report highlights some of the issues facing social work and social care services over the coming years which includes the management of very significant operational risks.

### 3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- x☐ Adult health, care and housing
- x☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- x☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

### 3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

This report does not recommend actions that directly meet the key priorities.

### 3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

This report highlights key areas of performance and improved outcomes

### 3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The report highlights the preventative work carried out in this area

### 3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The report highlights some of the key areas of engagement and consultation.

### 3.8 Ensuring Equalities

Areas of work highlighted within the report have already been subject to EQIA's. This report is a high level report and no additional EQIA was required.

### 3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

The report highlights work undertaken to ensure the longer term sustainability of services.

### 3.10 IT Issues

There are no IT issues arising as a result of this report.

## 4 Summary

A Chief Social Work Officer report is required to be submitted to the Scottish Government on an annual basis to highlight areas of good practice and areas for development. It is also an opportunity to highlight work on a local level.

## **5 Recommendations**

To not the content of the Chief Social Work Officer report.

To note its submission to Scottish Government

To note the good work of the staff within social work and social care services to improve the outcomes for people within Midlothian

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**Background Papers:**

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