

Extract from Review of Mental Health Service Structures in Fife Report to SMT on 17th August 2006

6. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PLANS:

- 6.1 Local Mental Health Partnerships would give opportunities to shape and inform strategy at a fife wide level whilst advising how best the strategy be delivered at local level. Local Partnerships need to be well informed on the issues, challenges and opportunities relating to local mental health services in their area. That degree of information is necessary to ensure that Local Partnerships establish and sustain a meaningful role in the development and delivery of local services.
- 6.2 The LMHP Chairperson will attend their LMU meetings.
- 6.3 Mental Health Services Managers would have accountability for reporting and responding to the Local Partnership on issues relating to current challenges and opportunities facing Mental Health services locally.
- 6.4 Mental Health Service managers would continue to be directly managed by the Mental Health Service but would also be *ex – officio* members of their local CHP management team and be accountable to their local CHP manager for specific mutually agreed local Mental Health Service objectives.
- 6.5 Although Local Mental Health Partnerships would be the lead groups for identifying local needs and local priorities for service development, this has to be done within the context of the *Right for Fife* strategy, the Fife wide implementation action plan as articulated by the Area Mental Health Partnership and within the limitations of National priorities.
- 6.6 Local Mental Health Partnerships would be collectively accountable for achieving targets for the mental health needs of the population.
- 6.7 The Area Partnership would retain the responsibility currently held by the Mental Health SIG for articulating and developing the strategic development of mental health services in Fife as outlined within *Right for Fife*. It would also be responsible for translating the strategy into an unambiguous action plan containing timescales etc. In addition it would have responsibility for responding to national initiatives and targets, for example, Delivering for Health.
- 6.8 It is proposed that the present operational management arrangements for mental health services should remain in their current form. This will ensure a consistent approach to Fife wide issues such as the reconfiguration of sites and the redeployment of staff etc.
- 6.9 It is recognised that the proposed new structure will require adequate administrative and developmental support to work effectively. The Executive lead for mental health will explore potential sources for this, both within NHS Fife and with our joint commissioning partners.