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Title of meeting: Strategic Planning Group		Date: 31.08.22
		Time: 10:00-12:00
		Location: Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Maureen Swannie	
Action Log Recorder:	Debbie Hallworth	
Member	Attended	Apologies / No Apologies (NA)
Gail Anderson	✓	
Janice Annal		✓
Lynda Bradford	✓	
Stephen Brown	✓	
Graeme Clark		NA
Angela Colborn-Veitch		✓
Kirsty Cole		NA
Callan Curtis	✓	
Susan Dutton		NA
Maureen Firth		✓
Andrew Fuller	✓	
Morven Gemmill	✓	
Martha Gill		✓
David Hall	✓	
Jacqui Hirst	✓	
Rachael King		✓
Wendy Lycett		✓
Jim Lyon		✓
Michelle Mackie		✓
Dawn Moody	✓	
Danny Oliver	✓	
Pat Robinson	✓	



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Valerie Stonehouse		NA
Andrew Trevett	✓	
Frances Troup		✓
Louise Wilson		NA
Jay Wragg	✓	
Diane Young		✓
In attendance/By invitation		

	Agenda Item:	Issues Raised:	Action Agreed:	By Whom and When
1.	Welcome & Apologies	Noted as above.		
2.	Minutes of the meeting – 24.06.22	<p>Review how the different island communicators collaborate – new Islands Co-ordinator will be attending an event in Edinburgh in October and will feedback then. Susan Shearer has been leading on Orkney Matters work and has fed back following meetings that there are still concerns from the public around the availability of GP appointments and mental health provision. Work will continue as part of Orkney Matters, alongside Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership actions.</p> <p>Andy Trevett to feedback on palliative care services in Orkney – on today’s agenda.</p> <p>Community Led Support: nominees to attend Scottish Gathering – action complete.</p> <p>Strategic Plan Action Plan – nearly at draft stage and will share within</p>	<p>Feedback following Edinburgh event in October & Orkney Matters work.</p> <p>Draft to be circulated for</p>	<p>M Swannie</p> <p>M Swannie /</p>



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		<p>the next week.</p> <p>Future meetings – actions complete.</p> <p>National Care Service – on today’s agenda.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and seconded by Lynda Bradford.</p>	feedback.	All WC 05.09.22
3.	Palliative Care Services in Orkney	<p>Andy Trevett advised that the Marie Curie (MC) service was set as a pilot several years ago, then handed over as planned to NHS Orkney with fundraising through voluntary donations. What was lacking was the sustainability of staffing. Two staff members retired, which left us with no active service. He raised the question of whether Orkney wants a MC service, as presently there is no palliative care service in the community.</p> <p>Lynda Bradford advised that NHS Orkney has a small Service Level Agreement with MC to the value of approximately £15,000 per annum. In recent years there has been underspend due to MC staffing issues. We capture unmet need in this respect, which they recognise and have floated the idea of exploring ways we could work together to enable future MC staff to have regular hours and reduce our community pressures. Angela Colborn-Veitch attended the last meeting but no feedback available today.</p>	Agenda item for next SPG meeting.	L Bradford / A Colborn-Veitch 25.10.22
4.	National Care	Stephen Brown provided an update on the establishment of a National		



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	Service	<p>Care Service as recommended by an independent review into adult social care. Following these recommendations and a national care service consultation, the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill was introduced to Parliament in June this year. The aspiration was for a National Care Service accountable to Scottish Ministers, with services designed and delivered locally. Whilst the report made significant and welcome recommendations, it has only taken us so far. It took some of the principles from the Feeley report, with a clear indication we need to move towards prevention and intervention, ensuring that the voice of the people is at the heart of what we do.</p> <p>A third strand is now being proposed for the National Care Service, with a whole new body answerable to Scottish Ministers, removing accountability to local authorities and a Chief Executive in every locality. Not a lot of detail is known at the moment but there is a great deal of concern. It was also advised that when the Cabinet Secretary recently visited Orkney, the Chair of the Integration Joint Board expressed concern that we would get a 'Once for Scotland' approach that would not meet the needs of Orkney. The Cabinet Secretary was very clear he would be happy to look at alternative options for islands such as Orkney although two things were immovable; one, that Scottish Ministers would be directly in control of care services; and two, that even if brought together in a single public body we would need to retain the NHS brand with free access to health services at the point of need. The fact that he was happy to reopen debate on how we can organise our services most effectively and efficiently was felt to be a real positive.</p>		



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		<p>There followed a discussion during which it was advised that calls for evidence to the Health and Support Committee had to be in by this Friday, and that Parliament will vote on the bill next year, which will come into effect late 2026, early 2027. One positive note for the bill was an electronic health and social care patient client record. Concerns were raised that in the future there could be a Highlands and Islands National Care Service Board with regional commissioning, opening up our services to the private sector. It was advised that Parliament still plans to retain 32 local authorities and 14 territorial boards, however it was not clear how many local care boards there would be.</p> <p>The general consensus of those present was that private sector services would not work for Orkney. However, it was noted that the independent sector has served well in dentistry and that if the governance is right it has the potential to work and should not be dismissed.</p> <p>Stephen Brown advised that he has been invited to the Health and Support Committee meeting on the 4 October to give evidence. Maureen Swannie noted that the programme of co-design is due to be published soon and agreed to share it with the Group.</p>	<p>Share programme of co-design when published.</p>	<p>M Swannie</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan 2022-25 - Priority Area Discussion: Mental Health &</p>	<p>Stephen Brown asked how we make a difference in this priority area. In the first six months of this year there have been six completed suicides in Orkney. Looking at the last ten years of suicide data we have averaged two per year. Also seeing a significant increase of people presenting in distress. We have Orkney Blide Trust offering services for</p>		



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	Wellbeing	<p>people with mental health problems, knit and natter groups and the Orkney Men’s Shed. We have significant funding from Scottish Government to enhance our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service which will provide close to fourteen members of staff, although filling the posts will be a challenge. There are more Primary Care mental health support funding streams and also from the third sector on which Gail Anderson is leading.</p> <p>Stephen then went on to relay an account from a psychiatrist in San Francisco and the importance of kindness, compassion and connectedness. He advised that there is a national suicide prevention strategy about to be issued and the establishment of a suicide prevention taskforce.</p> <p>Morven Gemmill shared a personal experience in order to highlight the pervasive nature of the issue and the impact on families and communities. She shared some learning that should help inform and shape our local thinking in designing services and supports.</p> <p>Maureen Swannie asked that when the Group have sight of the action plan, although the mental health actions have been written by the mental health team, she would be happy for people to review as it is in draft form.</p> <p>There followed a discussion during which it was suggested in addition to looking at numbers, we should review admission rates to inpatient care over the years as we are missing the social aspect of supporting</p>		



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		<p>people. It was also suggested that third sector thoughts should be included in the action plan. Reference was made to a mental health response unit in Inverness and whether the Group would like to review that model.</p> <p>Gail Anderson noted the importance of community engagement and advised that the second round of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was about to be launched. She shared the criterion from the last submission and asked whether the Group felt they were still relevant. She noted the timescale was the end of October. Maureen asked when sharing the Strategic Plan Action Plan that Gail remind her of the outcomes in order to match them and avoid duplication of work.</p> <p>(David Hall and Stephen Brown left the meeting).</p> <p>Gail further advised that she was getting feedback from frontline staff about the availability of training and asked if there was any information. Maureen agreed to look into this and put any information in the Group's chat.</p>	<p>Forward mental health response unit model for review.</p> <p>Review outcomes.</p> <p>Investigate training opportunities & post in the Team's chat.</p>	<p>A Fuller / D Hallworth</p> <p>M Swannie / G Anderson</p> <p>M Swannie</p>
6.	AOCB	<p>(Lynda Bradford left the meeting).</p> <p>Gail Anderson referred to the cost of living crisis and the impact it was having on communities. She advised that the Community Planning Partnership has agreed that the Community Wellbeing Delivery Group should establish a cost of living taskforce. Their remit would be to pull</p>		



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	Agenda Item:	Issues Raised:	Action Agreed:	By Whom and When
		<p>together all actions to address poverty in Orkney. Gail advised they were trying to establish a Cash First approach in Orkney and reshape how our partners work together. Its aim is to reduce the need for emergency food aid by helping people access any existing financial entitlements and advice on income maximisation as a cash first response to food insecurity.</p> <p>There followed a discussion during which it was noted that some of our lowest paid workers will be hit hardest and it was suggested whether collectively we should be looking at home carers' fuel costs. It was advised that our home carers do upwards of 20,000 miles a month, Unison had put a proposal to Orkney Islands Council to increase mileage payments, which was rejected. A meeting was taking place with Human Resources tomorrow for further discussion.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold this subject over to the next meeting so Lynda Bradford would be present, as home care sits within her service.</p> <p>Reference was made to the Venn diagram on mental health and suicide. It was noted there is a risk of conflation and the assumption that if we address mental health then we will not get any suicides. It was suggested they need to be separate but linked actions.</p>	<p>Home Carers' fuel costs agenda item for next SPG.</p>	<p>D Oliver / L Bradford 25.10.22</p>
7.	Date of next meeting	25.10.22, 14:00-16:00		