

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Housing and Health Committee****12 March 2014****Reshaping Care for Older People/Accounts Commission Scotland
Report – February 2014****Report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report describes the key findings of the recent Accounts Commission Scotland report, into Reshaping Care of Older People, three years into the 10 year programme, specifically in relation to the progress made in Perth and Kinross.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

In 2010, a 10 year programme, Reshaping Care for Older People, was launched by the Scottish Government and COSLA. Its aim was to improve the quality of outcomes for older people in relation to their care and to help address the challenges of an aging population. It focussed on supporting people to live independently in their own home and in good health as long as possible. In 2011/12 a Change Fund was introduced to help councils and the NHS take forward these areas of policy.

Perth and Kinross has a population of some 149,000 people of whom almost a third live in the city of Perth. It is a predominantly rural area and covers 5286 square kilometres.

In Perth and Kinross, 59.7% of the population are of working age. This compares with a Scotland figure of 62.4%. Of the population of Perth and Kinross, 23.6% are over 65 which compares to 20.2% for Scotland as a whole.

Perth and Kinross' population of those of pensionable age is due to increase by 7% by 2020 and by 24% by 2030. More specifically, its 75+ population is due to increase by 29% by 2020 and by 72% by 2030. These are greater increases than the equivalent Scotland figures which are 23% and 62.0% respectively.

1.1 Key Findings from the Report

- 1.1.1 The Accounts Commission Scotland report (www.audit-scotland.gov.uk) acknowledges that Reshaping Care for Older People is a complex programme of major transformational change affecting health and social care services. It recognises the challenges organisations face in implementing this programme; continuing to meet people's current care needs and managing pressures on existing services, while planning for future needs. It asserts that strong local leadership is required to move this agenda forward.

- 1.1.2 Overall, the report states that more requires to be done to target resources on prevention and support people to stay at home. It highlights that there is little evidence of progress in transferring resources from institutional to community based services. The report encourages Councils and the NHS to have clear plans specifying how this will happen.
- 1.1.3 The report highlights the success that councils, NHS and the third and private sectors have enjoyed in coming together to agree joint plans which will improve the care of older people in local areas. However, while it acknowledges a greater focus on improving joint services and their quality of care, it states that progress across Scotland has been slow and that it is unclear what impact the policy is having on older people.
- 1.1.4 In relation to Perth and Kinross, however, on page 30, the report offers an encouraging and positive picture of the Council and NHS Tayside working together to promote the independence and wellbeing of older people. It states that the Council and NHS Tayside have shown clear leadership in taking this agenda forward. The report refers to the Joint Commissioning Strategy which has a focus on; redesigning services to ensure people are discharged from hospital as soon as possible and providing community based alternatives to care home and hospital admissions.
- 1.1.5 It highlights a number of services which have been implemented in Perth and Kinross to support Reshaping Care for Older People. These include a Rapid Response Service, Immediate Discharge Service and Hospital Link Coordinator. The Council and NHS Tayside are using patient level Integrated Resource Framework (IRF) data, working with local GPs to understand how services are currently being delivered and how these can be changed to provide better care and support. While the work is at an early stage, it underlines the changing culture locally across health and social care.

2. PROPOSALS

In response to the above findings, the following actions are now proposed:

- 2.1 The Change Fund Board for Older Peoples Services will take appropriate action in relation to relevant recommendations within the report.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Accounts Commission Scotland report is helpful to both health and social care management teams in identifying areas for improvement, particularly in relation to the pace of change now required in moving resources from an institutional to a community setting.

In light of the range of observations made within the full report, the Housing and Health Committee is asked to:

- 3.1 Note the findings of the Accounts Commission Scotland report as outlined in section 1.1 of this report.

- 3.2 Instruct the Executive Director for Housing and Community Care to bring forward further reports on progress towards Reshaping Care for Older People as previously committed in committee report 12/45.
- 3.3 The Executive Director will bring forward a further report on the Self Evaluation of Older Peoples Services locally with a particular reference to successful initiatives locally and measures to ensure their sustainability.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	No
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	No
External	No
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This paper contributes to the delivery of Perth and Kinross Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 This paper contributes to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities:

- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

2. Resource Implications

n/a

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 The proposals contained within this report have been considered under the Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation:
- Older people will enjoy access to a wider range of supports/services
 - Agencies delivering such supports will plan their delivery in a co-ordinated manner
 - Older people at risk of admission to hospital will be identified and, where possible, have their needs met in a manner which enables them to remain within the community

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Accounts Commission Scotland report, Reshaping Care for Older People was relied upon in preparing this report

3. APPENDICES

The Accounts Scotland report 'Reshaping Care for Older People' can be accessed electronically at <http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk>.

