

## MAYBOLE AND NORTH CARRICK VILLAGES LOCALITY

Additional Meeting 15/12/ 16

**Present:** David Kiltie, Jackie Simpson, Kate Anderson, Janette Heggs

**In attendance:** Kenny Leinster, Dawn Parker

### Background

Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group agreed set up an additional meeting in order to have a direct dialogue with Kenny Leinster as part of the ongoing review of South Lodge and Hillcrest.

### Notes of Meeting

Kenny Leinster (Chief Social Work Officer) explained the review process to the group.

The South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership is currently considering a range of options for Hillcrest in Girvan and South Lodge in Ayr.

More than 800 people use private and publicly run care homes in South Ayrshire, with accommodation for 42 residents available at the Council-run Hillcrest and South Lodge Care Homes.

The review was ordered to help the Partnership fully understand the available care home and wider care package provision in South Ayrshire and ask families, staff and the wider public how they feel about current provision.

Feedback from the consultation will help inform decisions about both the way people live now and are supported in future at Hillcrest and South Lodge.

- The review will consider the potential impacts of a number of options, including:
- Maintaining services at Hillcrest and/or South Lodge
- Upgrading facilities at Hillcrest and/or South Lodge
- The availability and potential for alternative care provision, alongside a carefully managed closure of Hillcrest and /or South Lodge.

## Hillcrest

Hillcrest is approximately 40 years old and was built at a time when standards were different. There is now a recommendation that residents have en-suite facilities wider corridors doorways etc.

The cost to the local authority of placing a person in a private care home for 1 year is 21k. It currently costs £80k per year for a residential placement in Hillcrest.

The disparity in cost between private and local authority run care homes is considerable and as such is undoubtedly one of the drivers for the review given the current financial climate.

The majority of residential care across Scotland is delivered by private providers and not local authorities.

Another driver is the Scottish Government's emphasis on 'enabling people to stay in their homes, or another homely setting, where possible, sharing their lives with their family and friends, doing the things that give life meaning and value'. (Scottish Government 2015)

Q: How much will it cost to maintain Hillcrest as is?

A: approx.300k for the next 3 years, to replace Hillcrest would cost 2.5 - 3 million and demand would have to be evidenced as the culture has changed in relation to residential and nursing care provision and now the majority of people are moved to care homes from hospital

There is a possibility that the partnership could look at a **housing with care** model which may be described as enhanced sheltered housing used to enable older people to retain their independence in their own home for as long as possible through the provision of communal spaces meals which could be built to specification with a range of adaptations. Those living in housing with care provision are not 'residents' but tenants.

Any housing with care provision would be a capital build under the government's affordable housing programme and would take approximately 4 years to build and would probably require a tendering process.

Q. Would the provision only be available for those who live in South Carrick?

A. Not necessarily the housing/ letting policy would apply and additional points would be given to those with local connections.

Q. if a new build provision were to happen at Hillcrest / McConnell Square – How long might Hillcrest as we currently know it stay open?

A. Provisionally 2 years. There would be a requirement to stop new admissions over this period in order to minimise the numbers of people affected by the transition.

### **Timescale**

Kenny has to produce a report with recommendations for the IJB February meeting. It was suggested that it might be prudent to take a version to the SPAG on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning meeting is scheduled for the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> February and the SPAG will take place in the afternoon. David Kiltie asked whether it might be possible to receive a copy/version of the report to be considered at the Locality Planning meeting.

Kenny will look at what might be possible.

### **Respite/ short breaks**

Q What contingency do we have for respite/ short breaks?

A. At the minute Hillcrest is the main provider of planned respite places. It is a possibility that respite would have to be looked at in terms of wider provision. Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is new legislation which will introduce new provisions with the aim of improving health and wellbeing outcomes for carers. Each local authority must prepare and publish a short breaks services statement. This will include information about the short breaks available in Scotland for carers and cared for persons.

### **Local interest in SDS and Community Led Conversations**

David explained that the locality planning group are particularly interested in Self Directed Support and how local people, their carers and families to make informed choices on what their support looks like and how it is delivered. Kenny spoke about Community led support initiative and the connection to self-directed support and peoples outcomes based on what matters to them.

### **How can the Locality Planning Group help?**

It was suggested that the Locality Planning Group could use their networks to raise awareness and utilise their experience to source local funding to work in partnership with Social Care providers Health centre as a hub and spoke model with the health centre as a hub linked to other community provisions such as The Carrick Centre, The Speakers, community shops and halls across North Carrick.

Kenny suggested that it might be a good idea to work with NDTi and perhaps call a Community afternoon (February 2017) to explore hubs and listen to the wider community's views.

**Action:** Dawn to follow up

