



Reshaping care for older people in South Ayrshire

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This special issue of 'Reshaping care for older people in South Ayrshire' tells you about the recent change fund for **Reshaping care for older people in Scotland**.

What is the Change Fund?

As part of the Scottish draft budget announcement on 17 November 2010 the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth announced the allocation of £70 million in 2011-12 to the Change Fund. The Change Fund aims to help health and social care partners produce local plans for making better use of their combined resources for older people's services. This fund has been allocated to 32 local health partnerships in Scotland.

The change fund supports the implementation of the national **Reshaping care for older people** programme, which, in turn, supports work in our own local strategy.

The national plan sets out an expectation that over the next year all partnerships in Scotland will have to develop a much

longer-term Reshaping care plan (for up to ten years). This will set out how health, social work, third (voluntary) and private sector providers will re-organise how health and care is delivered for older people.

How can the Change Fund support our own local reshaping care work?

The Change Fund will provide finance to help us shift the balance of care from hospital-based care to care provided in primary and community settings.

Our local Change Fund plan was informed by the guidance from the Government through a Ministerial Strategic Group. It requires local health partnerships to prepare Change Plans that set out how the funding will be used to achieve a shift in the balance of care.

Our local plans were 'signed off' by NHS Ayrshire & Arran, South Ayrshire Council, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire and private care providers (through Scottish Care). The local South Ayrshire plan

was approved by Community Health Partnership (CHP) Committee on 21 February 2011 and the Community Planning Board on 23 February 2011 and submitted to the Scottish Government on 28 February 2011 and to the NHS Board on 23 March 2011.

The Change Fund submissions have now been formally approved by CHP Committee and Community Planning Partnership Board and subsequently by the Government.

How did we develop South Ayrshire's submission?

Because we had a short amount of time to develop our submission the CHP used existing groups such as the CHP Committee, Forum, Officer Locality Groups and Public Partnership Forum

A large **stakeholder event** took place which involved members from the CHP Forum and Officer Locality Groups (OLGs) together with representatives from Scottish Care, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA), Carers' centre, Public Partnership Forum, primary care, geriatric services, social work and hospital services.

The purpose of this event was to:

- Set out how we should make South Ayrshire's Reshaping care for older people's Change Fund application
- Get feedback to help us make the next step of the application
- Identify how to support delivery of services

Martin Cheyne, CHP Forum chair, welcomed everyone to the event before Kenny Leinster, Joint Chair of the Officer Locality Group in the CHP spoke about the main challenges associated with the Change Fund.



Margaret Whoriskey, Joint Improvement Team Director, discussed work being done at a national level and how we could make changes and improvements in South Ayrshire.

Jean Hendry, Joint OLG Chair and Maire Currie, Chair of the Older People and Adults sub-group, then outlined the different work which is going on, particularly in relation to our Reshaping care strategic plan, some of the early proposals for new activity and what we hope to achieve in the future.

Some of the things we want to achieve in the future include:

- Reducing emergency admissions
- Reducing the amount of time people spend in hospital
- Reducing the time it takes to discharge someone from hospital
- Reducing the number of falls that older people experience
- Increasing the number of older people who are able to live at home

We recognised that we needed to have as much involvement from other organisations as possible. Several representatives offered advice, including:

- Marie Clarke from Voluntary Action South Ayrshire, who spoke about the contribution of the voluntary sector
- Ann Mcquade from the Carers Centre in South Ayrshire who stressed the crucial role that carers play and the supports that would help them
- Gloria McLoughlin from Scottish Care outlined the commitment and support that independent providers bring to the table. This is a sector that has invested in care and support and is willing to share the financial risks of developing and delivering services.

Participants then contributed ideas, suggestions and comments at a 'world café' - both on what was being suggested and to identify other possible areas to develop.

This information has been used to support the proposed South Ayrshire approach.

The diagram over the page illustrates the various 'tiers' or parts of the services that need to be in place and the way they link together as a whole.

Specific linked development work:

Supporting carers

South Ayrshire CHP is keen to make sure that we strengthen our support to carers. On 23 March we held a carers' event to hear and address local carers' views. This

will allow us to build on our existing work but will also identify areas of work that the national strategy (released in July 2010) suggests should be in place locally.

Around 50 people came along to the event and after presentations from Princess Royal Trust for Carers, the NHS and the council, discussed how carers might be further supported.



Whilst the consultation will inform the development of a local plan, it provided a useful context to talk about how the Change Fund could be used to support carers more comprehensively.

Building Community Capacity

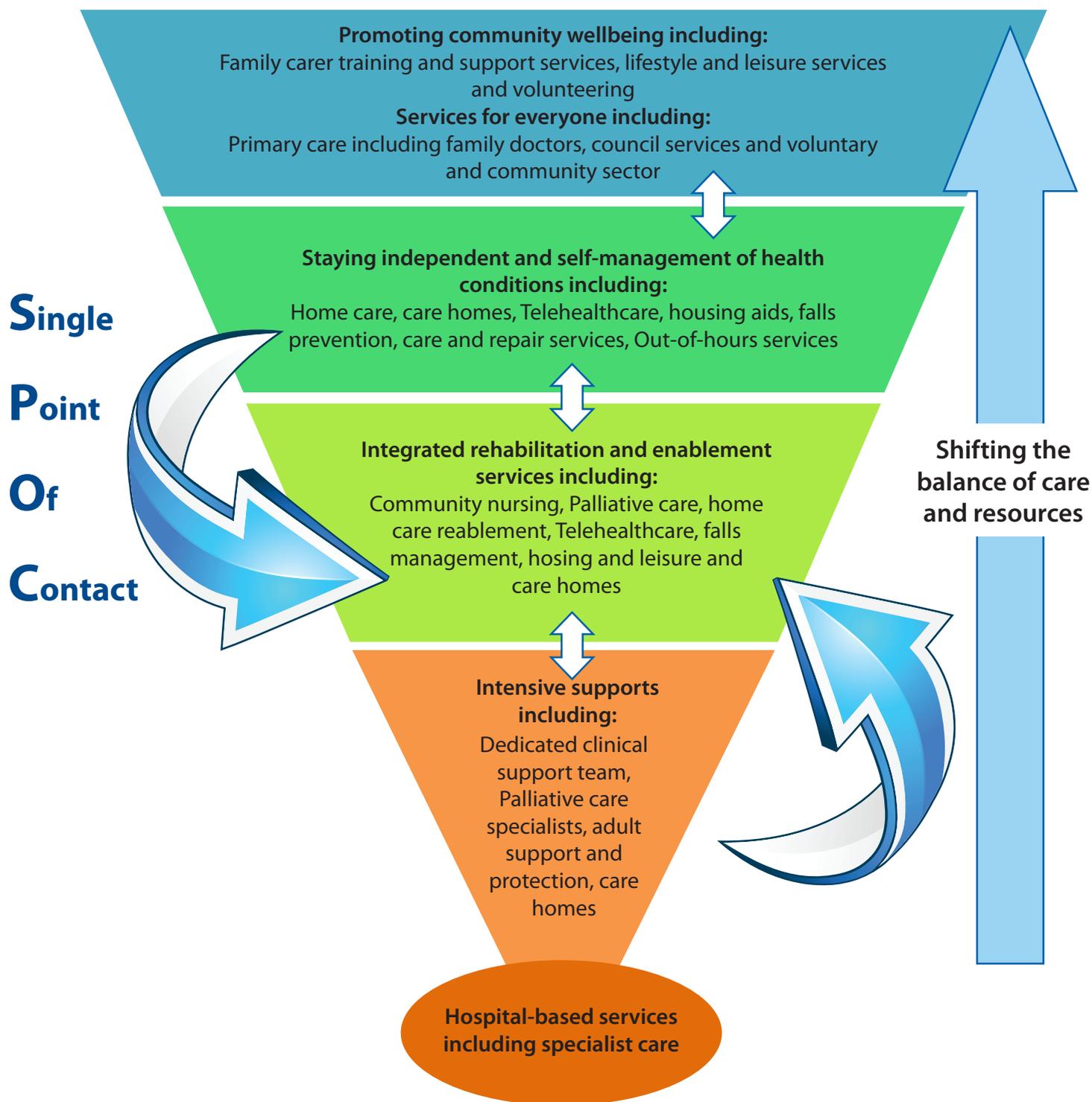
In May, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire held a local consultation event to develop ideas for the part of the plan aimed at supporting more community-led supports. A range of very practical proposals are currently being developed originating from this event.

Finally ...

The CHP in South Ayrshire is now making plans to turn the Change Fund plan into reality.

In our next newsletter we will be focusing on some specific Change Fund activities and seeing what they will look like in practice!

Reshaping care for older people and their carers living in South Ayrshire



Information and structures which we need to support this model

Information Technology systems which work between services; shared information; information which includes identification of repeated fallers, referral patterns, admission and out of hours data, care home information and lengths of stay in hospital.