

Report

Report to:	Social Work Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 September 2006
Report by:	Executive Director (Social Work Resources)

Subject:	Partners in Practice DVD Launch
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise Committee on the launch event of the Partners in Practice DVD held on Tuesday 2 August 2006 in South Lanarkshire Council Headquarters, Almada Street, Hamilton.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1. This event marked the launch of the 'Partners in Practice' DVD, which is a collaborative endeavour between Social Work Resources, NHS Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Boards.
- 3.2. The 'Partners in Practice' agreement was developed in response to recommendations in the report by the Scottish Executive 'The Same As You (2000)' for the development of services for people with a learning disability.
- 3.3. The DVD provides an audio/visual account of this formal agreement and aims to inform, in easy access format, service users, prospective service users and carers about Learning Disability Services in the South Lanarkshire area.
- 3.4. The DVD is introduced by a local board member of the People First organisation and highlights five main themes; Living in the Community; Health; Training and Employment; Modernising Day Services; User and Carer Support.
- 3.5. The DVD highlights the following developments:
- ◆ The closure of long-stay hospitals and hostels and the development of community based services that support individuals in their own tenancies;
 - ◆ Delivery of health services to people with learning disabilities at a local level;
 - ◆ The move to new integrated facilities as part of a range of day services;
 - ◆ Advances in the creation of supported employment opportunities; and
 - ◆ The range of services that work in partnership with the Council to support people who use service and carers.

- 3.6. A crucial message from the DVD is the need for continued partnership working across all sectors to ensure continuous improvement on the achievements that the DVD illustrates. The DVD highlights the important contribution made by staff across all Resources to improve and modernise services traditionally provided by Social Work Resources.
- 3.7. By transforming the Partners in Practice Agreement into an accessible form the Council and its partners have created an innovative tool for communicating to the public and professionals the significant changes in services.
- 4. Employee Implications**
- 4.1. None
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1. None
- 6. Other Implications**
- 6.1. None
- 7. Consultation**
- 7.1. Consultation and participation with a number of organisations, people who use services and carers.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives
None

Previous References
None

List of Background Papers
None

Contact for Further Information

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