

## **SE23. Following the Public Pound: Health & Older People**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Adult Services which provided an update on the work of external organisations in receipt of funding in whole or in part, who provide early intervention services to children and young people, and who fall within the Following the Public Pound (FPP) reporting and monitoring arrangements. Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report.

The committee then heard from officers in relation to the individual reports.

### **(a) Princess Royal Trust for Carers**

Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report considering the performance of Princess Royal Trust for Carers. He advised that a direct grant of £141,898 was received by the organisation in the reporting period.

### **Decision**

**The Committee approved the report for Princess Royal Trust for Carers and acknowledged progress towards meeting Council priorities.**

### **(b) Alzheimer's Scotland**

Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report considering the performance of Alzheimer's Scotland. He advised that a direct grant of £57,768 was received by the organisation in the reporting period.

The committee asked if the demand on the service was increasing. Joe McElholm advised that there were more people accessing the service and that increases in life expectancy would result in more demand being placed on the service. There had also been significant work carried out on encouraging earlier diagnosis of dementia which would result in people receiving support for longer periods of time. He stated that over time the Falkirk Health & Social Care Partnership would need to decide how to best respond to local demographic pressures.

### **Decision**

**The Committee approved the report for Alzheimer's Scotland and acknowledged progress towards meeting Council priorities.**

### **(c) Falkirk & District Association for Mental Health**

Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report considering the performance of Falkirk & District Association for Mental Health. He advised that a direct grant of £177,777 was received by the organisation in the reporting period.

### **Decision**

**The Committee approved the report for Falkirk & District Association for Mental Health and acknowledged progress towards meeting Council priorities.**

(d) Independent Living Association Forth Valley – Forth Valley Self Directed Support Service

Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report considering the performance of Independent Living Association Forth Valley – Forth Valley Self Directed Support Service. He advised that a direct grant of £29,604 was received by the organisation in the reporting period.

The committee asked if the level of funding available was a limiting factor on self directed support (SDS) uptake. Joe McElholm advised that money was available and that sometimes the process of getting a SDS package in place was slower than desired. However, he stated that he did not think this was a limiting factor in terms of uptake. The service continually looked at how to improve the number of people engaging with SDS. In Falkirk less people used Option 1, which requires that the service user takes on employer responsibilities, when compared with the national figures but caution was required in terms of comparison. Some areas showed particularly high numbers due to how they had carried out their re-tendering of home care.

Members discussed the number of contacts and referrals which the service had been involved with. Joe McElholm advised information contacts were often from people just seeking information who did not then pursue formal support as well as existing service users and people who made multiple enquires.

## **Decision**

**The Committee approved the report for Independent Living Association Forth Valley – Forth Valley Self Directed Support Service and acknowledged progress towards meeting Council priorities.**

### **(e) RVS – Meals on Wheels**

Joe McElholm provided an overview of the report considering the performance of RVS – Meals on Wheels. He advised that a direct grant of £10,400 was received by the organisation in the reporting period.

Members highlighted that previous discussions by the committee had asked why the service was not made available across the council area. Joe McElholm advised that where people had a clear need for support for their nutritional needs then RVS could not deliver this. Their service delivery model was for operation on a limited number of days and this was not suitable for people who need daily support.

## **Decision**

**The Committee approved the report for RVS – Meals on Wheels and acknowledged progress towards meeting Council priorities.**