

## East Renfrewshire's Mental Health Strategy

The CHCP recently published its Mental Health Strategy and Commissioning Plan for the next three years, following a period of consultation supported by ACUMEN.

The strategy will see a budget of over £3.1m spent on mental health services, the larger part from local voluntary organisations including Renfrewshire Association for Mental Health, and it aims to deliver these four key outcomes

- We live in a community which fosters wellbeing, tackles stigma, and acts together to reduce inequalities
- People are enabled to live their lives in the most independent environment possible according to their needs and aspirations
- People are supported in their recovery and in the realisation of their potential within our communities
- People with long-term needs receive high quality comprehensive mental health care and support.

You can find out more about the CHCP, its work and the mental health strategy from Norman Mackenzie at

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The CHCP website is at <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/erchcp> .



**East Renfrewshire Community Health and Care Partnership (the CHCP for short) is a partnership between the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.**

East Renfrewshire CHCP was one of the first in Scotland to bring together all its social work services together with local primary health care and community NHS services. East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde came together in 2006 to set up the new body because they shared a desire to see services working together to tackle inequalities and to improve the health and wellbeing of all the citizens of East Renfrewshire.

870 people drawn from the Council and the NHS work together to deliver health and social care services as the CHCP, including:

- **local mental health services**
- **community nursing - e.g. district nurses, health visitors, etc.**
- **school nursing**
- **local older people's and physical disability services**
- **learning disability services in the community**
- **homecare and housing support**
- **care homes**
- **occupational therapy**
- **criminal justice services**
- **substitute care – e.g. adoption and fostering**
- **child protection**
- **addiction services in the community**
- **allied health professionals**
- **looked after and accommodated children**

The CHCP buys in a wide range of services from voluntary organisations and commercial providers, and works with family doctors, pharmacists, dentists, and opticians, covering a total of 16 GP practices, 18 dental practices, 20 pharmacies and 14 optometrists.

The NHS will contribute £41 million, and the Council £42.5 million, towards the cost of providing the CHCP's services in this financial year.

## Who leads the partnership?

The CHCP is run by a senior management team headed by Director Julie Murray, supported by Heads of Service Safaa Baxter, Tim Eltringham and Lynda Hamilton.



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CHCP  
Director



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**Councillor Douglas  
Yates** Chairman of  
the CHCP Committee

The CHCP Committee is made up of a group of councillors, representatives of the NHS Board, as well as representatives from the professions, the staff, and the Public Partnership Forum (PPF for short). Its role is to take an overview of activities, priorities and objectives and influence the development of health and social care.

It also manages the overall performance of the CHCP against targets and makes sure that services are delivered to a high standard and within budget.

It is chaired by Councillor Douglas Yates.

## How local people have a say

East Renfrewshire Public Partnership Forum is a network of individuals and organisations with an interest in how the CHCP designs and delivers local health and social care services. Its purpose is to involve the public in decision making about local health services in East Renfrewshire. An Executive group meets monthly to plan activity and two members of this group are members of the CHCP Committee. Currently these are Melanie Lambert and Jacqui Reid. Anne Marie Kennedy and Liz Duguid are substitute members who can also attend if required.

There is a maximum of 19 members on the PPF Executive. Representation comes from Area Forums, and "communities of interest" groups like carers, children, disability, elderly, voluntary, and minority ethnic networks. The PPF is supported by a full-time worker, Gerry Tougher.

If you would like to learn more about the Public Partnership Forum and its work, contact Gerry Tougher on 0141 577 3491 or email him at [gerry.tougher@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:gerry.tougher@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk).



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