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Health is a key focus of this April eBulletin, in particular the important developments in our local health care provision as new announcements are made regarding the plans for the Stirling and Falkirk Community Hospitals.

CVS Stirling, as a member of Stirling Community Health Partnership (CHP) representing the voluntary sector, has been strategically involved with the project and has a particular interest in these developments. But of course these are issues concern us all, users and providers alike, throughout the Forth Valley area.

** Please contact us if you have any questions about the CHP or healthcare provision in the Stirling area.*

Comments and suggestions for the [website](#) and e-Bulletin are welcome.

Emails to: lee.stevenson@cvs-stirling.org.uk or donald.saunders@cvs-stirling.org.uk

Deadline for contributions is the previous Monday. If you have any queries, please call

01786 469916 and ask for Lee or Donald.

HEALTH NEWS

Stirling Community Hospital



Under the latest plans for the new Community Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Wing will be demolished and replaced with a brand new facility by 2013

This week, NHS Forth Valley's vision for the community hospital in Stirling, to be developed on the Stirling Royal Infirmary site, came into clearer focus as details emerged of the development plans.

Stirling is one of four new community hospitals which will link with the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital at Larbert to provide an integrated approach to healthcare across Forth Valley. It will continue to be a base for hundreds of NHS staff, handle over 200,000 patient appointments each year, and offer a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services.

As the project has progressed and the public concerns have been taken on board, there have been some changes to the original plans. These include the retention of the Minor Injuries Unit at Stirling and the removal and replacement of the Queen Elizabeth Wing.

Key points of the plan:

New build

The existing Queen Elizabeth Wing and the Theatre Block will be demolished to make way for new purpose-built outpatient and inpatient facilities -

Inpatient facilities

Patients from across Stirling who require rehabilitation and palliative care will be treated in modern, attractive accommodation in the new facility, which will have single en-suite rooms. Around 90 beds will be transferred from Bannockburn Hospital, most of which will be provided in the new facility.

Outpatients

Outpatient services will continue to be provided in Stirling. These will include: dermatology, ophthalmology, pain clinics, audiology, appliance and orthotics, women's health (including antenatal and post-natal care), child health, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics and sexual health clinics.

A number of these will be based in the new outpatient facility. In addition, a range of outreach clinics will be provided, including those for patients with diabetes, neurological or rheumatological conditions and hepatitis.

Minor Injuries Unit

While acute services (major A&E, ITU, medical and surgical, maternity and paediatric inpatient services) are due to transfer from Stirling to the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital in the summer of 2011, a Minor Injuries Unit will now be provided at Stirling. This will mean that around 70% of people who currently attend the A&E department at Stirling Royal Infirmary will continue to be treated locally.

Community mental health

Community mental health services provided at Kildean Hospital and Orchard House, which were due to transfer to the community hospital, will stay at their existing location until a detailed review is carried out to identify future service requirements.

'Care Village'

Discussions are also underway with Stirling Council to explore a number of joint initiatives. This includes the potential to create a 'care village' on the site to make effective use of land freed up by the redevelopment which could lead to the creation of new care homes and sheltered housing.

What next?

- A detailed business case for the accommodation plans will now be developed.

- Internal service moves should take place towards the end of 2011, following the transfer of acute and emergency care services to the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital in the summer.
- Initial demolition and enabling works are expected to start in early 2012, and construction work should be completed by summer 2013.

Falkirk Community Hospital

Falkirk will continue to handle around 75,000 patient attendances each year, offering **inpatient** and **outpatient services**. Most of the c.100 inpatient beds will be provided within the community hospital either in a new purpose-built, facility or within existing modern ward accommodation.

The Windsor Unit, Surgical Block and older parts of the Infirmary will be taken down. Newer accommodation on the site will be retained and extended with the addition of a new purpose-built single-storey inpatient facility.

Acute services will transfer from Falkirk District Royal Infirmary to the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital in August 2010, and after the Summer of 2011 **minor injuries services** will transfer to the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital in Larbert. Ophthalmology and pain clinics will transfer to the Stirling Community Hospital site in late 2011. **Community mental health services** provided at Westbank and Dunrowan will stay where they are until a detailed review is carried out.

Construction work is expected to be completed by Spring 2012 and the Falkirk Community Hospital should be fully operational by Summer 2012.

Patient Information Day For Stirling

The **Scottish Primary Care Research Network (SPCRN)**, the national primary care research network in Scotland, have asked for help in recruiting individuals who would be able to help organise a patient information day in Stirling.

The network is funded by the Chief Scientist's Office, and centrally co-ordinated by the Scottish School of Primary Care in Dundee. The West Node is based within the Section of General Practice & Primary Care, University of Glasgow, and covers the following areas:

- Greater Glasgow & Clyde
- Ayrshire & Arran
- Lanarkshire
- **Forth Valley**
- Dumfries & Galloway

SPCRN have a patient involvement and information day coming up in June in Stirling involving all the patient representatives across all the networks, so they need to recruit a few people who have a generic interest in primary care.

If you or any of your colleagues in the Stirling area would be interested in becoming involved, please contact June Anderson, SPCR West Co-ordinator on 0141 330 8354 or email jmg71f@clinmed.gla.ac.uk (not Wednesdays or Fridays).

Mentally Healthy Workplace Training

Carronvale House, Larbert, FK5 3LH

11th & 12th May, 9.30am - 4.00pm



The Mentally Healthy Workplace Training Programme has been developed by the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives in partnership with the Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health.

It is designed to encourage good practice in promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, thereby contributing to a more open culture that puts mental health on the agenda alongside physical health, social inclusion and productivity. It aims to:

- Give employers and line managers a broad understanding of mental health.
- Identify the key factors that contribute to a mentally healthy workplace.
- Increase awareness of mental health issues in the workplace.
- Raise awareness of the economic impact of positive mental health in the workplace.
- Improve managers' skills and confidence in dealing with mental health and wellbeing in the workplace.
- Ensure that managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities in relation to health and wellbeing.

For more information, visit the Healthy Working Lives website at www.healthyworkinglives.com

VHS Survey

Following their successful Stakeholder Survey in 2009, which produced a wealth of information about Voluntary Health Scotland's relations with the voluntary sector, VHS are now aiming to find out more about the sector's ability to influence health policy at both national and local levels, and their own role in this process.



To this end, they have created a survey: '**Influencing the Scottish Health Policy agenda: the voluntary and community perspective.**' Its purpose is to provide valuable insight into the voluntary sector's level of involvement in health policy making at different levels, and the level of help that we are providing.

Taking part in the survey will help VHS provide better access for policy makers to the Scottish voluntary sector. Just visit

www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRVJNVD?dm_i=2V4,3TG1,5CH5Z,BZOA,1 before mid-April.

For further information contact Nikolaos Bizas, Intern Researcher, on 0131 225 7290, email mail@vhscotland.org.uk

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Tackling the Organ Donor Deficit

The **Scottish Ethnic Minority Resource Centre** was established last year in Stirling with the aim of transforming the lives of Scotland's ethnic minority



groups in a range of ways. Health matters are one focus, and the SEMRC is concerned at the relatively low organ donation rates among Black and Asian people. This means the chances of finding a successful match are reduced - in fact a Black or Asian person will have to wait on average **twice as long** as a white person for a transplant.

SEMRC is therefore seeking to raise awareness among Forth Valley ethnic minorities about the life-saving importance of organ donations. It plans to hold regular workshops in Stirling and Falkirk to identify obstacles, educate and inform, and in general promote and facilitate organ donation in these communities. ***The first Stirling workshop is scheduled for August, and we will bring you details as we receive them.***

For more information about the work of SEMRC, visit their website, www.semrc.org.uk, phone 01786 44578, or email info@semrc.org.uk

Council On Disability AGM

Room 5, Raploch Community Campus

19th April, 1.30 pm

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of COD will be held at the above date, time and venue. This will be the organisation's 18th AGM, and all interested parties are welcome to attend.

More details from 01786 462178, email dis.stirling@btconnect.com

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EVENTS & TRAINING

Youth Scotland Involvement Training



Do you work with young people that would benefit from a structured programme to help them play a more active part in their youth group, school, home or community?

Youth Scotland's Involvement Training programme is a structured first step to developing young people as leaders in their own communities. It is open to young people aged between 14 and 18, and also supports workers to deliver the programme within their own groups.

The programme is a three stage process which includes **tutor training**, a **residential training** weekend for young people and the **practical delivery** of a project using the skills developed by young people in their own community.

Tutor training will take place on 19th May (in Edinburgh) and 1st June (in Glasgow). Residentials will be running at various dates and locations throughout the year.

To register the programme costs £500 for Youth Scotland affiliated groups (and £600 for non-affiliated groups). This includes:

- **5 places** for young people and/or workers at a residential weekend

- **2 places** for workers on the tutor training
- **2 copies** of the IT Kit resource pack, which includes: a CD Rom of IT Kit Handout

Website: www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/youth-participation/involvement-training.htm

Contact: Philip Ritchie, Youth Participation Development Worker on 0131 554 2561 or email philip.ritchie@youthscotland.org.uk

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Stirling Women's Aid

is changing from a Collective to a Line Management structure. To support and guide us through this process we require an experienced

CHANGE MANAGER

This is an initial 9 month contract – 17.5 hours per week; Salary £35,000 pro rata

For full details and an application pack please e-mail womensaid@dsl.pipex.com or call 01786 469518. Closing date for applications **17th May 2010**

*Under Section 7 (ii) (d) & (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 this job is restricted to women.
Subject to Disclosure.*

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People's Postcode Trust



The People's Postcode Trust has announced that English and Scottish applications are now being accepted for their next round of funding. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 if not a registered charity) are available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months.

For more information, please visit www.postcodetrust.org.uk. **Deadline for applications is 23rd April.**

Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that supports registered charities concerned with the advancement of education, the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the UK. The Trust awards around £120,000 each year in grants and considers making grants of up to £5,000.

For more information go to www.idlewildtrust.org.uk **Deadline for applications is 24th September.**

Lloyds TSB Foundation Back In Business!

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, one of the leading charitable funders in Scotland, is to restart its grantmaking programmes. Last October the Foundation had closed its door to new applications for grants indefinitely as a result of an ongoing dispute with Lloyds Banking Group around its future funding and independence.

Initially, there will be £2m available to be disbursed before the end of 2010. This money has been raised through the sale of additional shares the Foundation bought in the two Rights Issues held by Lloyds Banking Group in 2009. Although a shareholder, initially the Board was told by the Banking Group that the Foundation was not entitled to take part. After pursuing the matter vigorously, the Foundation was subsequently allowed to participate.

Grant programmes will be open for applications in mid-April and charities are being advised to check online for further instructions and information at www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk Awards are likely to be made in mid-summer.

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Scottish Social Enterprise Badge



Since 2008 Senscot has been promoting a Social Enterprise Mark in Scotland. In England, the RISE initiative attracted the support of Whitehall and the English Social Enterprise Coalition – who gradually exercised increasing influence. Late in 2009, a joint venture company was established under the control of the Coalition.

From its outset, through the adoption of an ambitious business plan, the new SEM Company came under external pressure to go for maximum growth. This led to the late relaxation of criteria relating to profit distribution - Senscot felt this to be a serious mistake, and declined the offer to be the Scottish partner.

Since then Senscot has been consulting with the Scottish sector about the best way forward. They have concluded that a clear majority of social enterprises in Scotland would support an independent Scottish Identifier with our own criteria.

Senscot's Proposal

To distinguish it from SEM, the working name for the Scottish identifier is the **Social Enterprise Badge (SEB)**. Like its London equivalent, this is not intended as a mark of quality but rather of values: the shared values of holders, as embodied in the criteria of membership, being the true force of the social enterprise movement.

Rather than any particular agency, SEB should be the property of the Scottish social enterprise community – operating as a members co-operative (SEBCO). It should be a self regulating collective of front line businesses, setting its own criteria, guidelines, fees etc.

Social enterprise sits at the intersection of the Public, Private and Voluntary sectors, yet remains distinct. One of the purposes of adopting a set of criteria is to define its boundaries in relation to

these other sectors. These five proposed criteria are intended to reflect how the social enterprise community in Scotland wishes to define itself.

The FIVE Criteria:

1. Social Enterprises have social and/or environmental objectives.

As one of its defining characteristics, a social enterprise must be able to demonstrate its social mission. This will be evidenced in its constitutional documents but the production of other (externally verified) evidence is encouraged - to provide transparency of purpose and accountability to stakeholders.

2. Social Enterprises are trading businesses aspiring to financial independence.

This second defining characteristic is demonstrated by an enterprise earning 50% or more of its income from trading. A high level of income from the public sector is acceptable in the form of contracts - but not grants. *Criterion 2 is intended to mark the boundary between social enterprise and much of the voluntary sector. (Many Voluntary orgs trade over 50% without calling themselves social enterprises)*

3. Social Enterprises have an 'asset lock' on both trading surplus and residual assets.

Whether or not it's a charity, a social enterprise re-invests all its distributable profit for the purpose of its social mission. Where the business has shareholding investment (very few in Scotland) no more than 35% of profit may be distributed in dividends. In addition, the constitutional documents of a social enterprise must contain a clause to ensure that, on dissolution of the business, all residual assets go to social/environmental purposes. *Criterion 3 is intended to mark the boundary between social enterprise and the private sector.*

4. A Social Enterprise cannot be the subsidiary of a public sector body.

A social enterprise must have a constitution recognised by SEB. Whilst it can be the trading subsidiary of a charity, it must be constitutionally independent from the governance of any public body. *Criterion 4 is intended to mark the boundary between social enterprise and the public sector.*

5. Social Enterprises are driven by values – both in their mission and business practices.

For more on Senscot's involvement in this area – and for some divergent views on the nature and role of social enterprises – visit their website at www.senscot.net .

Free Tender Writing Training

Delivery of services to the public sector is an important market for enterprising Third Sector organisations. But how do you find out about these opportunities - and how do you write a successful tender document?

CEIS, the Supplier Development Programme, and partners, are running a series of **free** tender writing workshops across Scotland. Designed for managers and staff of Third Sector

organisations with responsibility for business development and tender writing, the workshops will offer practical guidance for organisations wishing to compete for public sector contracts.

The interactive workshops will include contributions from experts, including procurement practitioners and organisations with experience of successful tender writing. The programme has been designed for introductory, intermediate and advanced levels.

- **Workshop 1: Introductory - Accessing Public Sector Tenders (1 day)**
 - Monifieth, Angus 19th April 2010
 - Glenrothes, Fife 20th April 2010
 - Glasgow 26th May 2010
 - Inverness 7th Sept 2010
 - Borders 1st July 2010
 - Edinburgh 9th Dec 2010
- **Workshop 2: Intermediate - Successful Tendering for Public Sector Contracts (3 days)**
 - Dundee 13th, 20th and 27th May 2010
 - Glasgow 8th, 15th and 22nd June 2010
 - Inverness 30th Sept, 7th Oct and 21st Oct 2010
 - Edinburgh 13th, 20th and 27th Jan 2011
- **Workshop 3: Advanced - Advanced Tendering for Public Sector Contracts (3 days)**
 - Edinburgh 11th, 18th and 25th May 2010
 - Ayrshire 1st, 8th and 15th June 2010
 - Aberdeen 2nd, 9th and 16th Sept 2010
 - Glasgow 12th, 19th and 26th Jan 2011

For more information and to apply, visit <https://secure2.symphonyem.co.uk/tenderwriting/> or phone on 0141 425 2946.

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Creative Scotland to launch soon

It has been announced that Creative Scotland will be up and running **by summer 2010**. The new cultural organisation was established as part of the Public Services Reform Bill, passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25th March. Creative Scotland will have two bases – Edinburgh and Glasgow – and its role is as follows:

- To identify, support and develop quality and excellence in the arts and culture
- To promote understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts and culture
- To encourage as many people as possible to access and participate in the arts and culture
- To realise the value and benefits of the arts and culture
- To encourage and support creative endeavours that contribute to an understanding of Scotland's national culture
- To promote and support commercial activity focused on the application of creative skills.

To find out more go to www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/03/25173903

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General Election: 6th May 2010

A reminder of the deadlines which will be effective for the election:

- **20th April at 5pm** will be the last date on which postal Vote applications can be accepted in time for the election
- This date is also the last day on which applications to register to vote, or change registration details will be valid
- **27th April at 5pm** is the last date on which applications to vote by proxy will be valid

Postal & Proxy Vote applications and registration forms are available to download from the website www.saa.gov.uk/central for anyone resident in Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Council areas. Forms are also available in local libraries.

For more information contact the Electoral Registration Office, Hillside House, Laurelhill Business Park, Stirling FK7 9JQ, phone 01786-892289, Fax 01786-892255

Election Rules for Charities and Non-Party Campaigners

Both English and Scottish charity law limits the political activity of charities. Electoral Commission rules apply to charities and non-charities alike, while the Charity Commission Guidance applies solely to charities.

For example, did you know that:

- charities cannot support or oppose a political party or candidate, nor can they donate funds to a party?
- a charity's publicity must not explicitly compare its views with those of political parties or candidates?
- a charity can publish manifestos with the aim of persuading political parties to adopt certain policies, but not to influence voter behaviour?

To keep on the right side of the legislation, use these links to see what you can and can't do:

1. Guidance on Charities and Elections January 2010: www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/default.aspx
2. Electoral Commission Third party [guidance](#) January 2010.

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