Response

The Dundee Partnership has adopted a framework for prevention that offers a common understanding and a definition of the ‘decisive shift’ we aim to achieve. (See attached) The framework acknowledges the role of universal services in promoting positive outcomes for the city but reflects the journey towards negative outcomes experienced by many in our communities. The impact on the public sector in terms of the escalating demands for crisis services while budgets are limited is represented and early intervention and recovery are presented as the means by which partners can jointly deliver greater prevention by working together with local communities.

The framework has been recognised by the Scottish Government and other community planning partnerships as a helpful step forward in understanding and promoting prevention.

Officers are continuing efforts to translate the clear strategic direction set out in the Dundee Prevention Framework into demonstrable change by applying the principles in the framework to maximise the degree of prevention which can be achieved through major strategic change processes and reviews. External consultants have been appointed to work with officers to:

- Define prevention, early intervention and recovery outcomes in relation to strategic outcomes
- Assess the extent to which existing partnership arrangements deliver prevention and early intervention
- Identify how new provision can maximise its contribution to prevention and recovery approaches
- Develop a framework for measuring the increase in preventative approaches and resources

Reports on each of these reviews are expected in late 2015 or early 2016 focusing on the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Health and Social Care integration and commissioning, and the development of the new Employability Pipeline. Further work is being done in relation to the Integrated Children’s Service’s Dartington survey and re-commissioning review.

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