

CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICE REPORT 2013/14

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Chief Social Work Officer is required to ensure the provision of appropriate professional advice in the discharge of local authorities' statutory Social Work duties. Part of the remit is to present an annual report to the council to highlight issues related to performance and strategic development issues in the context of national policy and changes in legislation.
- 1.2 The report has been delayed on this occasion to allow for the requirements of the Chief Social Work Adviser to the Scottish Government to be incorporated into the report. Future annual reports will be presented to the Council in advance of the summer recess.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council are asked to note the contents of the report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 This is a time of significant change in Social Work with legislative change relating to Integration with the NHS, the Children's Services and Self-Directed Support.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The attached report provides a summary of issues relating to the present performance and future challenges that will face the service during the next year and beyond.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None.
Financial:	None.
Personnel:	None.
Equal Opportunities:	None.

Legal: None.

Risk: None.

Customer Services: None.

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