**GUIDANCE NOTE**

Please find below some information to help you complete an application to Marr Health & Social Care Wellbeing Fund grant scheme for 2016/2017. This funding is being managed through the Marr Community Planning Group, and has been accessed from the Marr Integrated H&SC fund (through the Marr Local Reference Group).

**Background**

Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership has made available Integrated Care Funding through six Local Reference Groups (LRGS). Marr Community Planning has been awarded funding from the Marr LRG to benefit local community and voluntary groups who are providing health and wellbeing support in their communities.

The purpose of this funding is to support health improvement work and support vulnerability for those third sector/voluntary and community organisations providing support to older people in the Marr area.

The funding can be accessed by anyone who is working towards improving the health and social care needs of their community or communities of interest in a way that meets local needs and reflects local circumstances.

The **aim of the Health &Social Care Integration fund is to** support communities/partners to focus on prevention, early intervention, and care and support for people with complex and multiple conditions, especially people under the age of 65 years with multiple health issues, and older people.

A scoring system will be used to ensure a fair and consistent assessment of bids across Marr so that the evaluation process you choose will achieve proposed outcomes. Weighting will be used to assess each bid (see guidance available).

Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their group/organisation activity meets at least one of the nine national health and wellbeing outcomes (listed below and on the application form).

**Funding Scope/Criteria**

* Third Sector Voluntary and community groups in the Marr area who have a health/wellbeing focus can apply to Marr Community Planning for funding.
* Organisations will be able to access up to £1000 for projects (we would also appreciate information about other funding being sourced/promised).
* Charitable Status is desirable but not essential.
* All funding must be spent within 12 months of the award, with an evaluation report completed within three months following the end of the project.
* Successful projects must be willing to engage in publicity for the funding scheme.
* Your project must demonstrate a contribution to at least one of the nine Health and Social Care outcomes (listed in the document).

**Applications**

Application Forms can be requested by contacting dawn.tuckwood@nhs.net

Decisions will be made through the Marr Community Planning Group (through recommendations from a smaller sub-group) and in consultation with the Marr Local Reference Group.

Funds will be allocated once in the year following assessment which will be held in November/December 2016. Applicants will be notified of the assessment panel outcome no longer than two weeks after the Marr CP Group meeting.

For further information or to discuss your project eligibility, please contact Dawn Tuckwood at dawn.tuckwood@nhs.net or call 013398 894 35.

Completed Applications should be submitted to dawn.tuckwood@nhs.net. The deadline is Friday 4th November 2016.

**The Nine National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes**

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| No. | National Outcome(s) |
| 1 | Helps people look after their own health and wellbeing and live longer in good health |
| 2 | Gives a helping hand to people who are frail, have disabilities or a long-term condition by supporting them to live at home or in a homey place in their community |
| 3 | Gives people using health and social care services a better experience and preserves their dignity |
| 4 | Helps health and social care services reduce health inequality in our community |
| 5 | Supports health and social care services to improve the quality of life in the local community |
| 6 | Offers support to people who do unpaid care to look after their own health and wellbeing. |
| 7 | Keeps people who use health and social care safe |
| 8 | Allows staff in health and social care to improve the care or treatment they offer by providing extra training, information or support |
| 9 | Helps health and social care services to run more effectively and efficiently |

In addition to considering the nine national outcomes, applicants should also consider the following when completing the application form:-

* That the proposal is evidence based and shows information regarding how the need has been identified.
* How will it benefit the health and wellbeing of those for whom the project is/or has been planned. How will it also demonstrate partnership working?
* What is it that the project is seeking to change, what will its impact be and how will it make a difference? This may include health-related behaviours, social circumstances such as isolation, or the capacity of the local community to support people with vulnerabilities.
* What measures will be put in place to provide the evidence?
* What are the resources you will use to make these changes? This might be staff time, or volunteer hours, or equipment.
* What activities will the project undertake?
* How will the project team or organisation know whether the project has been successful? This might be feedback from people who use services, or more quantitative information such as a reduction in visits to the GP.