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Dear Colleague,

RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE – CHANGE FUND GUIDANCE 2012/13

Following the introduction of the Change Fund for older people's services last year, and the issue of the accompanying guidance for 2011/12, all 32 partnerships agreed local Change Plans and received their allocations of the available £70m. Ministers announced as part of the 2012 Spending Review that an £80m Change Fund for older people's services will be available for Partnerships in 2012/13; £80m in 2013/14; and £70m in 2014/15.

Please find attached the guidance that sets out the arrangements to enable local Partnerships to access their allocation of the Fund for 2012/13. The allocation of Change Fund monies to Partnerships will be sent out separately in due course.

Change Plans should be prepared and agreed by Local Authorities, NHS Boards, Third and Independent sector representatives and submitted as indicated on the attached guidance to the Scottish Government by 17 February 2012.

The attached guidance has been agreed by the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) for Health and Community Care. It asks local Partnerships to provide an update on progress from last year's Change Fund allocations, and to prepare Change Plans for 2012/13 which set out how the funding will be used.

Funding should be used to leverage genuine shifts in the totality of Partnerships' health and care spend – rebalancing care, support and service provision towards

anticipatory care and preventative services that will support older people to stay well in their own homes. Over the four years of the Change Fund, the Scottish Government and COSLA expects to see an increase in the proportion of monies allocated to “preventative and anticipatory care” and “proactive care and support in the home”. We expect the Change Fund to act as a catalyst for driving a radical and innovative redesign of older people’s services within a more integrated system of health and social care in Scotland.

Details from the six monthly Partnership Reports indicate that although there has been some slippage in expenditure this year, Partnerships are starting to shift spend towards more responsive, community-based approaches. To ensure that this continues, Partnerships’ progress will be tracked over the lifetime of the Change Fund.

We hope that all partners across Scotland recognise the potential that the Change Fund continues to offer and are able to use it to make real progress towards meeting the ambitions of Scotland’s Reshaping Care for Older People Programme.

We look forward to receiving your Change Plans in early 2012.



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