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HUG PRESENTATION

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Summary

This report introduces a presentation by the Highland Users Group (HUG) on their recent report on mental health and young people.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Joint Committee has received previous reports on “The Mental Health of Children and Young People: A Framework for Promotion, Prevention and Care”, published by the Scottish Executive in 2005. This addresses a range of mental health needs, including: mental health promotion; preventing mental illness;, and supporting, treating and caring for those children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties.
- 1.2 The importance of involving and engaging children, young people and carers in the development of child and adolescent mental health services is a priority for government. This approach is already well evidenced in Highland through the work of Highland Children’s Forum, Who Cares? Scotland and the Highland Users Group (HUG).
- 1.3 HUG is a network of people who have used mental health services in Highland. NHS Highland commissioned HUG in 2007, to provide a user perspective of the needs of young people who are affected by mental health problems.
- 1.4 The HUG report, ‘Young People and Mental Health: the views of users of mental health services on the issues of young people and mental health’ is attached, and will be presented at the Committee.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to consider the issues raised by this report.

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