

THEME: 'Shifting the Balance of Care' - What does this mean for carers?'

DATE: Wednesday 24th February 2010

VENUE: Adelaides, 209 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4HZ

Agenda

The Scottish Government has acknowledged that with the predicted rise in older people and people living with long term conditions over the next 20 years, they need to look at how they plan to support the increasing number of people with social care needs. The way they currently provide services is simply not going to be sustainable or affordable in the future.

The Government, along with key partners, is exploring new ways to deliver services and has piloted innovative programmes, such as **Telecare** and **Re-ablement**. They are also planning to implement an ambitious programme of change in **Re-Shaping Older People's Services**

'**Shifting the Balance of Care**' from traditional services in hospitals or residential settings, to more flexible services in the community and at home, is at the heart of these changes. We are bringing together lead officers from the government and local authorities to explain this ambitious programme and to ask ' **What does this mean for carers?**'

Morning Session

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| 10.30am | Registration and refreshments |
| 11.00 to 11.10 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 11.10 to 12.00 | Annual General Meeting |
- Chairperson's report
 - Network Coordinator's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Election of Executive Committee members

- Any Other Competent Business

12.00 to 12.20 **Mike Martin, The Joint Improvement Team, The Scottish Government**
Mike will provide an overview of how the Scottish Government is implementing the re-shaping of older people's services

12.20 to 12.40 **Questions, Answers and Discussion session**

Lunch & Networking

Afternoon Session

1.30 to 1.50 **Denise Brown, Manager of Home Based Services, Edinburgh City Council**
Denise will provide an overview of Edinburgh council's Re-Ablement programme, which has recently been evaluated. This service provides people with short term intensive support, in order to enable them to re-learn previous skills and regain independence.

1.50 to 2.10 **Moira Mackenzie, Joint Improvement Team, The Scottish Government**
Moira will provide an overview of the Government's Telecare programme. Telecare assists people with health and social care needs to remain safely in their own home, through the use of technology.

2.10 to 2.30 **Questions, Answers and Discussion session**

2.30 to 2.55 **'A Weight off my Mind'**
A short film developed by Carers Scotland, highlighting the impact of Telecare on the lives of five carers and those they care for.

3.00pm **Closing remarks and Finish**