

5. OLDER ADULT SERVICES DIRECTORY IN SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2006 – FEEDBACK

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee, on the first publication of the “Older Persons Directory for Spreydon/Heathcote”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Members will recall that this Directory was a new initiative supported by SCAP in May 2006, to print and distribute an initial print run of approximately 350 copies. There is an additional funding allocation of \$1735 from 2005/06 SCAP for further print runs of the Directory once feedback had been obtained.
3. The feedback on the Directory has been extremely positive, coming from individuals, health professionals, and organisations working within this sector of the community.
4. Distribution of the Directory was targeted to key networks and agencies working with older persons and given to those individuals most in need. Promotion and distribution avenues include, the S/H Older Persons Network, Older Adults/Disability Metropolitan Adviser, Community Workers and members in the Hoon Hay and Sydenham, Addington, Waltham (SAW) liaison networks, SCAP Committee members, Older Persons Health Division at PMH (including social workers), Medical Centres, Community Cottages, Age Concern, Citizens Advice, South Library and local church representatives.
5. All copies of the first print run have been distributed and there is an extensive wait list for additional copies.
6. Additional copies will be printed with the most up-to-date information available.
7. Feedback and recommendations on information to be included in any revised editions will be obtained as part of the project evaluation.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal considerations.
9. The initial funding of \$2000 allowed a first print run of approximately 350 copies to be produced and distributed to the community at no charge. There is a further allocation of \$1735 from the 2005/06 SCAP to be released for a second print run of the Directory.

BACKGROUND ON THE OLDER SERVICES DIRECTORY IN SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2006 – FEEDBACK

10. This Directory is the direct outcome of research conducted in 2004, addressing Older Persons issues in the South West Christchurch. The Older Adult Network established after this research, has looked at social isolation issues, and the Directory is a culmination of discussions from this Network. The Network and the Directory project have been co-ordinated by the Christchurch City Council. It is presented in a hard copy format, which is easily read for older persons, and free of charge.
11. The Directory address SCAP aim, 'to improve people's sense of belonging to, and being part of the community by facilitating the building of social capital', with the priority of social isolation issues.
12. The Directory also aligns with Council Policies and Community Board objectives and contributes to Community Outcomes: A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Lifelong Learning and A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee receive this information report.