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Dear Sir,

Mental Health Strategy for Scotland
2011-2015

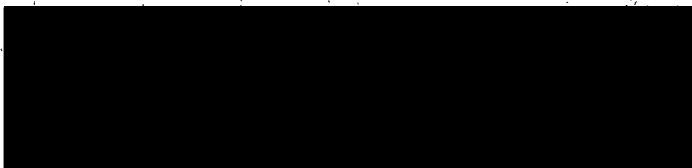
The Largo Area Community Council received a copy of the above document from the Kirkcaldy Levenmouth Community Health Partnership Public Partnership Forum. Whilst we welcome the opportunity to comment on the development of Health Services within our locality, it is our opinion that this document is of such a strategic nature it requires those professionals and service users with knowledge, skill and expertise to offer meaningful comment.

When the Strategy is finalised the LACC will look forward to NHS Fife developing an operational implementation plan for those elements of the strategy relevant to the patient needs within this area. At that time the consultation would be meaningful to local people.

Whilst the Community Council is grateful to be included in such a consultation the complex and specialist nature of this Strategy makes it really unsuitable for comment by lay individuals with little or no knowledge of the field. Whilst public consultation is a statutory requirement perhaps consideration should be given to the range of consultees thus ensuring responses are meaningful. We feel this is an important point and will take it up locally with our CHP.

With many thanks for the opportunity to consider the document which has demonstrated to us the incredible amount of work taking place in this very important area of healthcare.

Yours Sincerely



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