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Dear Sir / Madam

Consideration of Petition PE1179

East Dunbartonshire provides a range of services to people with Acquired Brain Injury and works closely with health and other services such as advocacy and carers' services to ensure comprehensive support is available. The Council's Social Work services do not, currently, have a specific service exclusive to people with ABI.

Adults with ABI have access to Adult Community Care Services and would receive assessment and support services from either the Older Peoples' Team (over 65) or from the Rehabilitation Team (under 65). The latter comprises Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and Sensory Impairment workers. Home Care support and telecare services can be arranged as needed.

Social Work services will work closely with local services such as Ceartas Advocacy which runs a drop in cafe resource in conjunction with Headway locally. An upcoming training event has been organised for May 17th to raise awareness. There are also established links with Richmond Fellowship and joint working with health and multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams within the CHP which are co located with SW services.

Work continues on a joint SW and Health initiative to improve services for people with alcohol related brain damage by developing clearer and more streamlined pathways through health and social care services and training appropriate staff to deliver more outreach services to this group.

Yours sincerely

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