

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief includes information on Keith Redpath retiring and the national cervical screening campaign.

West Dunbartonshire HSCP Chief Officer Keith Redpath announces his retirement

The Chief Officer of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership is retiring after a 42 year career in the public sector.

Keith Redpath, 57, who will leave on 31 July 2017 having worked in West Dunbartonshire since the formation of the original Community Health Partnership in 2005.

Robert Calderwood, Chief Executive, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde said: "Keith has made a major contribution to health and social care developments over a long and distinguished career. His skills and experience will be greatly missed and I wish him a long and happy retirement."

Councillor Gail Casey, Chair of West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership, added: "In my role as Chair, I have worked closely with Keith over the years and have always been impressed with his vision and passion for delivering excellent health and care services. He has overseen the building of the Vale Centre for Health and Care, giving residents first-class health and social care in a new £20million centre. I would like to thank Keith for his support and assistance and take this opportunity to wish him a healthy, happy retirement."

[Click here](#) to read the full news release.

Women in Scotland urged to 'nip cervical cancer in the bud'

The Scottish Government today launched a new drive to kick-start the conversation around cervical screening and raise awareness of the benefits for attending their smear.

A woman diagnosed with cervical cancer after a routine smear test, today (08 February 2017) cautioned against ignoring a screening invite.

Lisa Maher, 30, from Glasgow spoke out at the launch of a bold new NHS Health Scotland and Scottish Government drive to get women talking about cervical screening, and raise awareness of its benefits.

A short film, entitled Flower (<https://youtu.be/Y9z2n0IsUzA>) has been created to challenge the reasons women give for not attending their smear.

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