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Background

Strathclyde Region Social Work Committee approved a report entitled "Review of Day Services for Adults with Learning Difficulties" in December, 1994 which sought to change the emphasis of the service provided by adult training centres.

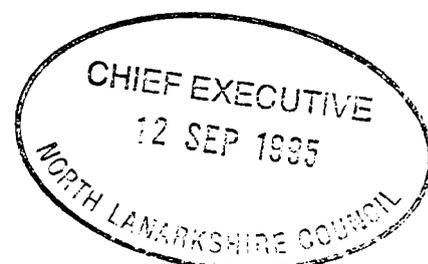
The emphasis in the report was that more should be done to support and assist people with learning difficulties to make use of facilities and services available within the community.

Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

The review report is in line with current thinking in that it wishes to place a greater emphasis on preparation for adults with learning difficulties living in the community and the support and assistance which is required to make use of existing community services such as educational facilities, work opportunities, leisure and recreation facilities and, in some cases independent living accommodation.

The report recognises however that this additional emphasis will require additional resources and the recommendations seek to provide a larger pool of staff capable of undertaking this wide range of duties.

An examination of current staffing levels suggests that the centres at Hallcraig Street and Buchanan Street in Monklands and the Cumbernauld Centre require two additional posts while the centre at Orbiston in Bellshill would require one further post for this purpose.



Conclusion and Recommendation

The Strathclyde social work department review of day services for adults with learning disabilities seeks to change the emphasis of the service provided by adult training centres to a resource centre model.

This is in keeping with current thinking and the suggested number of posts are necessary to develop this service.

The Committee is asked to endorse the report and the staffing implication and that this should be indicated to Strathclyde Regional Council.

  
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