

Social Work Department

Source Director of Social Work

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Subject Community Care Service Developments - Phase I Funding from Health Boards

Committee Submission (if applicable) Interim Executive -

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Background

Strathclyde Regional Council Social Work (Community Care Sub Committee) on 30th May, 1995 approved a report on community care service developments which had implications for the transfer of employees to North Lanarkshire Council and is therefore submitted for consultation.

Service Development

Discussions between Lanarkshire Area Health Board and the district management of the social work department in Monklands/Cumbernauld and Motherwell/Clydesdale have acknowledged the need to provide additional staff to implement that part of the community care plan which concerns itself with the discharge of patients from hospital.

In particular these discussions and the subsequent report recognise the need to develop additional services in the community if patients are to be properly supported on discharge from hospital. To that end it was agreed that three member of staff be engaged to undertake the task of commissioning new resources in the community and that they would require 3.5 clerical and administrative staff to assist in the process of commissioning these resources in the area of North Lanarkshire.

The total cost of the staff now and in the future will be funded by a transfer of resources from the Health Board to the local authority of £113,881.00 in a full year.

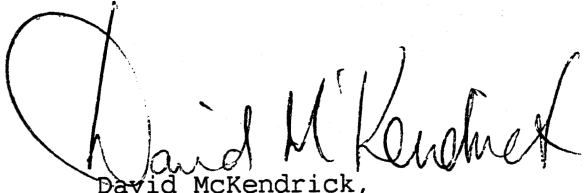
Conclusion and Recommendation

In pursuance of the principle of having services available in the community prior to the discharge of patients from hospital it is necessary to appoint the staff as indicated above in order that the appropriate resources be commissioned.

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This is entirely funded by resource transfer and the authority is asked to endorse the appointment of these staff, which has been submitted for consultation.

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David McKendrick,
Director of Social Work