

AGENDA ITEM No. ... 11(g)

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F.A.O. Chair/Convener - Social Work Committee

Dear Sir,

FORUM OF PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES TO DEAF PEOPLE (SCOTLAND)

A representative group of senior social work practitioners and managers was formed in November 1990 to share information and initiatives in social work services to Deaf people in Scotland.

The document "The Task in Hand" - Standards in Specialist Social Work Provision for Deaf, Hearing Impaired and Deafblind People, produced by the group, has been widely circulated in Scotland and highlights very clearly the specialist nature of these services. It offers a basis for each of the new authorities and/or their agents to develop services in partnership with users and other service providers.

Management must be well informed if it is to influence policy and service development usefully. We hope that this forum will offer assistance in an area that non-specialists find challenging to understand.

We propose to hold a day seminar on Wednesday 12th March 1997 and now invite each local authority within Scotland to nominate a representative at the appropriate management level to attend.

Our intent is to examine and discuss standards, with addresses by Jonathan Phillips, Social Services Inspectorate, England and John Bishop, Social Work Inspectorate, Scottish Office.

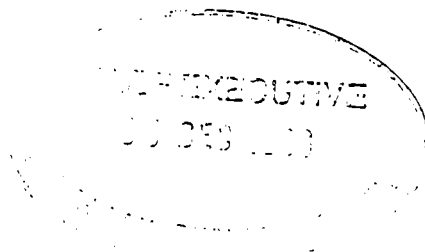
Jonathan Phillips has been involved in the recent audit of Social Work Services to Deaf People in England and Wales to be published early next year, and this will have particular relevance to us.

President
G. Burnett

Following this seminar, we shall consider the future existence of the Forum in the light of local government reorganisation.

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Provisional details for 12th March 1997 are as follows:

Proposed Venue: City Chambers, Glasgow
Estimated Cost: £25-£30 per person (coffee, tea & lunch included)
Time: 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Reasonably priced accommodation at a nearby hotel can be arranged for the night of 11th March 1997.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return the enclosed booking form by 10th January 1997 to allow us an early indication of the number of people attending.

Details of the final programme will be sent in due course.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



Lyn Grant
Manager of Social Work Services
(on behalf of the Forum of Providers of
Social Work Services to Deaf People - Scotland)

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TO DEAF PEOPLE (SCOTLAND)**

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Wednesday 12th March 1997

City Chambers, Glasgow

10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Name of Representative:

Position Held:

Contact Address & Tel. No.:

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Communication Provision Required:

Sign Language Interpreter

Deafblind Communicator

Notetaker

Lipspeaker

Accommodation required for 11th March 1997:

Yes/No

Please return this form to: **Manager of Social Work Services,
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by 10th January 1997.