

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB - 11 November 1997

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Motherwell, 11 November 1997 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Craig, Gordon, Leitch, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, W. Martin, Murphy, Robertson and Saunders.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources, Principal Officer, Criminal Justice and Principal Officer, Strategy.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beekman, Lunny, H. McGuigan and Wallace.

ARMISTICE DAY - NATIONWIDE TWO MINUTE SILENCE

1. At the commencement of the meeting, the Sub-Committee observed a two minute silence in recognition of Armistice Day.

REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS: NEW REGISTRATIONS AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1987, he had approved new registrations and/or changes to registration of establishments, details of which were appended to the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 7 October 1997 when, *inter alia*, progress in establishing social care contracting within North Lanarkshire had been noted, and paragraph 2 of the Minute of this Committee of 19 February 1997 when, *inter alia*, it had been noted that a first review of the list of authorised providers would be carried out by September 1997, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the 812 persons/organisations currently on the List of Approved Providers, had been asked if they wished to continue on the List; (2) informing of the

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arrangements in place for inclusion of additional persons/organisations on the Council's List of Approved Providers; (3) indicating that one new service at Buchanan House Respite Service in Coatbridge would require a contract, and that there was a requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for three individuals; (4) intimating the contracting arrangements to date with Richmond Fellowship (Scotland) for the implementation of the Planned Hospital Discharge Programmes, and (5) indicating that the resource transfer from Lanarkshire Health Board was valued at £32,000, for a learning disability discharge and £24,000 for a Mental Health discharge, and that the Council's contribution was obtained from DSS transfer funds.

### **Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be approved, and
- (2) that it be noted that the Director of Social Work would conclude negotiations with preferred care providers in order to implement Planned Hospital Discharge Programmes.

### **SEXUAL HEALTH STRATEGY: CONSULTATION PAPER FROM GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD (GGHB)**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work in respect of the publication of a consultative document on Sexual Health Education for the Greater Glasgow Health Board (GGHB) area (1) outlining the background to the Strategy which provided a framework for action by GGHB and Health Service providers; (2) indicating that the recommendations of the Strategy were far reaching and covered topics such as information, education and health promotion, HIV counselling and testing, sexual abuse, training, contraception and planning of pregnancy, and (3) advising that the adoption and implementation of the Strategy would contribute to the overall health of residents within the GGHB area.

### **Decided:**

- (1) that the report on Sexual Health Strategy be noted and the GGHB be advised accordingly, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Moodiesburn (Northern Corridor) Area Committee for its interest.

### **GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD CONSULTATION PAPER - DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND/OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES IN GREATER GLASGOW**

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the contents of the consultation paper on the Development of Services for Offenders with Mental Health Problems and/or Learning Difficulties in Greater Glasgow, (1) outlining the background to the consultation document which highlighted the development of services for those suffering from mental illness or learning disabilities who came into contact with the Criminal Justice System; (2) intimating the proposed changes in arrangements for the delivery of services to the relevant individuals; (3) indicating that all costs would be met by Greater Glasgow Health Board (GGHB) with a minimum time frame for implementation of three years from 1998/99; (4) advising that the proposals were comprehensive and based on sound principles of multi disciplinary practice; (5) informing that the proposals for the GGHB were large scale and expensive and could only be

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justified by the concentrated demand within the City of Glasgow, and (6) proposing that, as the levels of future provision for forensic services would be required to be determined in relation to Lanarkshire Health Board's review of services, this issue be addressed through joint planning mechanisms between the Council and Lanarkshire Health Board.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the consultation document be noted;
- (2) that approval be given for a response to Greater Glasgow Health Board welcoming the proposals, and
- (3) that approval be given to intimate to Lanarkshire Health Board, the Council's concern that there should be early joint discussion on the future development of Services including forensic services for offenders with Mental Health problems and/or learning difficulties.

### **PROPOSED USE OF ACCOMMODATION AT WADDELL STREET, AIRDRIE**

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding proposals for use of Social Work accommodation located within the grounds of the Chapelside Community Education Centre, Waddell Street, Airdrie (1) outlining the background to these premises which were previously occupied by the Airdrie Social Work Area Team, and (2) indicating that the Airdrie Community Care Centre, Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health and North Lanarkshire Volunteer Development Agency could be relocated to the premises at Waddell Street, Airdrie.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposal to relocate Airdrie Community Care Centre, Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health and North Lanarkshire Volunteer Development Agency to premises formerly occupied by the Airdrie Social Work Team within the grounds of the Chapelside Community Education Centre, Waddell Street, Airdrie be approved, and
- (2) that the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for implementation.

### **SEVEN DAY CENTRE, NEW ASHTREE STREET, WISHAW**

7. There was submitted a report dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work in respect of the relocation of the Seven Day Centre, New Ashtree Street, Wishaw (1) outlining the background to the Centre, which was located in four units at the Ashtree Industrial Estate, Wishaw; (2) advising that as part of refurbishment plans, the landlord planned to demolish the four units and relocate the Centre to similar accommodation on the same estate; (3) indicating that the Seven Day Centre had now been restructured and there was now only a need for three units, and (4) intimating that the landlord would equip the new units to the same standard as the existing areas and would meet all costs of removal including re-siting of equipment.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposal to relocate be noted, and

- (2) that the report be remitted to the Planning and Development (Buildings and Property) Sub-Committee intimating the need to conclude the negotiations with the landlord as a matter of urgency.

**COMMUNITY CARE IMPLEMENTATION - CREATION OF DAY OPPORTUNITIES POSTS**

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the Social Work Committee of 10 June 1997 when, inter alia, the recommendations and financial proposals in respect of services for children, older people, people with mental health problems, people with learning disabilities, and services in relation to criminal justice for this financial year and for the creation of additional posts were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated October 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the creation of posts for Day Opportunities Outreach Staff and Support Workers (1) intimating that in order to meet the development of day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities in North Lanarkshire, the establishment of a project comprising seven additional permanent posts comprising four Outreach Officers, two Care and Support Workers and one clerical assistant/typist was required; (2) advising that the project would be managed by the Manager of the Edward Lawson Centre, Wishaw; (3) detailing all financial and staffing implications, with the full year costs of the proposals being £117,386 to be funded from existing resources and phased in over this current and the next financial year, and (4) indicating that the project would develop the range of non Centre based day opportunities for adults with a learning disability and create capacity for provision of service to young people with learning disabilities who were leaving the Education System.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the staffing proposals for the Day Opportunities posts as detailed within the report be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for its interest and consideration.

**REVISION TO STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEME: MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE**

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 October 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding changes to the proposed structure of the Community Service Scheme which would improve the management and include the development of Supervised Attendance within the scope of the Scheme (1) outlining the background to the current Scheme; (2) advising that the Community Service Scheme would be located in the Alexander Resource Centre, Coatbridge, from December 1997, with the Supervised Attendance Scheme being located there also from January 1998; (3) detailing proposals with regard to the Supervised Attendance and Structure of Community Service, and (4) intimating that these services had been costed at a total of £37,000 in a full year, with the costs of the developments in relation to the Supervised Attendance being met by additional 100% funding from the Criminal Justice Service and the establishment of the post for Assistant Community Service Manager and Senior Clerical Officer being met through existing funding from the Scottish Office.
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Decided:

- (1) that there be approved:-
  - (a) the establishment of an additional 1.5 Officer Posts and 0.5 Clerical Post to the Community Service Scheme to encompass work associated with Supervised Attendance;
  - (b) the regrading of a Community Service Officer post to PO1 to create the post of Assistance Community Service Manager, and
  - (c) the regrading of a clerical post to GS3 to create the post of Senior Clerical Assistant, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for its consideration.