

**Motherwell, 22 September 1998 at 11.00 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Sullivan Convener; Councillors Beekman, Chadha, Craig, Gordon, Hebenton, Lunny, 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 (Inspection and Registration), Principal Officer (Strategy) and Project Manager of the Edward Lawson Centre and the E.C.H.O. Project.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Leitch, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, McKendrick and W. Martin

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September, 1998 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 2 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1987, there had been approved new registrations and/or changes to registrations of establishments, details of which were appended to the report.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT**

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 1998 when, progress in establishing social care contracts within North Lanarkshire Council had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 September, 1998 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that no new registered residential services required contracts; (2) indicating that the Lanarkshire Health Board had advised that Deanston Home in Coatbridge had 13 registered nursing home places in addition to its registered residential care places; (3) intimating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith North Lanarkshire Council for 10 individuals to accommodate client choice, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, and (4) informing that a contract had now been signed with Scotcare/Crestacare on behalf of Carrickstone House Nursing Home, Cumbernauld which had been registered for 60 persons, 30 of which were contracted to the Health Board for continuing care.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

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Councillor Lunny declared an interest in the following item of business and took no part in the consideration thereof.

### **COMMON SERVICES AGENCY - PROPOSALS TO CHANGE STATUS OF THE SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 September, 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding a Consultation Document received from the Common Services Agency on the change of status of the Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Trust to that of a Special Health Board as contained within the White Paper "Designed to Care" (1) outlining the background to the Scottish Ambulance Service which was established as an NHS Trust in 1995; (2) advising that the Government's White Paper "Designed Care" provided an agenda for change in the management of the Health Service in Scotland; (3) intimating that there were local concerns regarding (a) underprovision of Accident and Emergency Services in North Lanarkshire and of access, relating to the new hospital site at Netherton Street, Wishaw, and (b) access to out of area maternity services, which might cease with the transfer of maternity services to a single site.

#### **Decided:**

- (1) that the concerns of the Council in relation to inadequacy of current and future proposed provision of Accident and Emergency and Maternity Services in North Lanarkshire be conveyed to the Common Services Agency;
- (2) that the Director of Administration be authorised to respond to the Consultation Document in terms of (1) above and of the Director's report.

### **PROPOSALS FOR LICENSING HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION - IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 September, 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding the contents of the Scottish Office Consultation Paper "Mandatory Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation" (1) outlining the background to the Consultation Paper which sought views on proposals for the introduction of a mandatory licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation in Scotland; and (2) commenting on the Consultation document in relation to Social Work issues.

#### **Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Social Work's response be included in the Council's corporate response, and
- (2) that otherwise, the terms of the report be noted.

### **ADVOCACY IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

5. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 10 June 1997 when, inter alia, it had been agreed to develop advocacy for people with learning disabilities involving the commissioning of a provider, independent of the local authority and existing care providers at a cost of £40,000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 September 1998 by the Director of Social Work seeking funding for the North Lanarkshire Advocacy Project which would develop advocacy for people with learning disabilities (1) detailing the aims and objectives of the Project; (2) advising that the Director of Social Work was seeking to involve Lanarkshire Health Board with a view to attracting an additional financial contribution for the Project, and (3) intimating that the project could be implemented and developed using the budget of £40,000.

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### **Decided:**

- (1) that the establishment of the North Lanarkshire Advocacy Group and the service proposal described within the report be approved;
- (2) that, subject to changes being made to the Group's Constitution as set out within the report, the allocation of annual revenue costs of £40,000 as detailed in the report be approved;
- (3) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to organise a visit by the Sub-Committee to the Project, and
- (4) that the Director of Social Work bring forward a progress report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

### **E.C.H.O. DAY OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT, WISHAW**

6. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 November 1997 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed to establish a project which would develop a range of non centre based day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities, at a cost of £117,386, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated May 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding the establishment of a Departmental Day Opportunities Project known as the Employment, Challenges and Opportunities Project (E.C.H.O.) operating on an outreach basis from the Edward Lawson Day Centre, Wishaw and generating a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment on the part of service users and carers, as well as staff.

### **Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to organise a visit by the Sub-Committee to the project.

### **SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY**

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 September 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding an initiative to develop Supported Employment Opportunities for people with disabilities (1) outlining the background to and the need for the development of supported employment opportunities; (2) detailing the level of need, principles and objectives of a supported employment strategy; (3) setting out a Supported Employment Action Plan involving the establishment of a multi-agency group; (4) advising that supported employment presented the opportunity of greatly enhancing the lives of disabled people, and (5) indicating that in view of the Government's New Deal policy that this was the most appropriate time to launch the strategy, as the New Deal proposals allowed for an employment subsidy of up to £60 per employee, and access to an Employment Service Personal Adviser.

### **Decided:**

- (1) that the supported employment strategy proposals as detailed in the report be endorsed;
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources and Personnel Services Committees and to the Policy and Resources (Equal Opportunities) Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (3) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to establish the multi-agency group as detailed in the report, and

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- (4) that the Director of Social Work
- (a) bring forward a report detailing proposals for any additional job coaching posts, and
  - (b) provide progress reports on the supported employment strategy to future Sub-Committee meetings.

**PHEW (SCOTLAND) LIMITED REVISED MAINTENANCE RATES**

8. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 21 April 1998 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that the revised maintenance rates for Clifton House and Buchanan House, Coatbridge as detailed within the report be approved with effect from 1 April 1998 on an interim basis pending a review of the maintenance rates once pay awards had been agreed, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 1998 by the Director of Social Work proposing revised maintenance rates for Clifton House and Buchanan House Respite Units in Coatbridge operated by PHEW (Scotland) Limited (1) outlining the background to the voluntary organisation; (2) advising that the organisation had asked for an increased maintenance rate to enable them to pay the National pay award; (3) intimating that an occupancy rate of 94% had been used to calculate the maintenance rate which was high for this type of service, and (4) proposing that the following rates be implemented.

	<b>Old Rate</b> £	<b>New Rate</b> £
Clifton House	120.50 per day	127.08 per day
Buchanan House	132.60 per day	139.13 per day

**Decided:** that the revised maintenance rates detailed above be approved with effect from 1 April 1998.