

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB - 10 November 1998

Motherwell, 10 November 1998 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Craig, Hebenton, Lunny, J. McGuigan, W. Martin, Murphy and Robertson.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources and Senior Contracts Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beekman, Chadha, Leitch, McCulloch, McKendrick and Saunders.

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 2 of the Social Work (Scotland), 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.

JOINT PROTOCOLS FOR REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION WITH LANARKSHIRE HEALTH BOARD

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work with regard to the joint registration of establishments in Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to Scottish Office Circulars SWSG1198 which set out guidance which promoted links between North Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department and the Lanarkshire Health Board's Registration and Inspection Units; (2) advising that the document was jointly developed by Officers from North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Councils and Lanarkshire Health Board and was seen as an important step in formalising the working relationships between the Health Board's Inspectorate and the Council's Social Work Registration and Inspection Unit; (3) detailing all current arrangements and outlining proposals within the document "Joint Registration in Lanarkshire" as detailed in the Appendix to the report, and (4) intimating that, on implementation there would be no resource implications with the associated publication and distribution costs being met from existing budgets and partially recouped from charges made to providers wishing to apply for joint registration.

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Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the document and protocols therein be noted and adopted for registration, inspection and complaints investigation for establishments which were jointly registered or where providers had applied for joint registration, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work make the appropriate arrangements for implementation of the joint inspection and registration work between the Council, South Lanarkshire Council and the Health Board.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 22 September 1998 when, *inter alia*, progress in establishing Social Care Contracts within North Lanarkshire Council had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated November 1998 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that there were no new registered residential services which required a contract with the Lanarkshire Health Board; (2) indicating that there were no new nursing home services requiring a contract; (3) advising that there were four new Supported Living Services Project developed in partnership with the Council for people with a learning disability and which now required a contract and would be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee; (4) intimating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith the Council for one individual to accommodate client choice detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, and (5) informing that a contract had now been signed with Highfield Group Limited on behalf of the Village Nursing Home, Cumbernauld, and registered for 40 persons.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - UPDATE

4. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 1998 when, it had been agreed that further additions and amendments of Social Care Providers for inclusion on the list of authorised providers of social services be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work with regard to amendments to the Council's List of Authorised Providers (1) intimating that Social Care Providers had been made aware that inclusion on the List of Authorised Providers meant approval as a potential provider of Social Care Services and did not guarantee usage of any service by the Council or an invitation to contract with Council; (2) detailing all new applications for inclusion on the list; (3) proposing that following registration of 13 Nursing Home Places at Deanston Residential Home in Coatbridge, the category of nursing care be extended to include frail elderly people, and (4) informing that one application from a company based in Hamilton to provide home care services had been withdrawn as the Head of Legal Services was dissatisfied with the status of the company, with the applicant advised accordingly.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be approved, and
 - (2) that further recommendations for inclusion on the list would be proposed at future meetings of the Sub-Committee.
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NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee of 31 March 1998 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that a contribution of £9,905 be made towards the cost of revenue support of the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project, there was submitted a joint report dated 5 November 1998 by the Directors of Social Work and Housing outlining the progress to date made by the Care and Repair Project in North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work further progress reports to the Sub-Committee on a quarterly basis.

LOCAL CARE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

6. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 1998 when, inter alia, the bid in collaboration with Lanarkshire Health Board and Lanarkshire Health Care NHS Trust for resources under the Local Care Partnership Scheme had been approved, there was submitted a joint report dated 2 November 1998 by the Directors of Social Work and Housing (1) advising (a) that the Council had received confirmation from the National Health Service Management Executive that the proposal had been approved for funding in 1999-2000 for implementation on 1 April 1998, and (b) that the project management team comprising officers of the Council along with representatives from the Health Board and Health Care NHS Trust would be established within the near future; (2) intimating that the purpose of the team would be to make the necessary preparatory arrangements to facilitate successful implementation and operation of the project, and (3) indicating that further discussion regarding the long-term funding of the project after the initial period of Local Care Partnership Funding would be required and reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that a further report on the progress of the project be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

PROGRESS TOWARDS A JOINT STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work with regard to progress made to date towards a joint strategy for people with learning disabilities and further joint action with Lanarkshire Health Board and Lanarkshire Health Care NHS Trust (1) intimating that a comprehensive joint strategy would be required to address the Health and Social Care needs of all people with learning disabilities and their carers; (2) advising that joint discussions had taken place with officers of the Health Board, Health Care NHS Trust and South Lanarkshire Council in respect of the strategy development, and (3) proposing (a) that a temporary project management post should be created by the Health Board to lead the process and also to assume responsibility for the co-ordination of the Hospital Discharge Programme on a Lanarkshire-wide basis, and (b) that the post would be funded for two years by Health Board monies; (4) intimating that as part of the process for strategy implementation the Social Work Department and officers from the Health Care NHS Trust had reviewed the operation of the Joint Community Care Team which were established in Wishaw and Coatbridge prior to the Local Government reorganisation with Support Finance from the Health Board, and (5) outlining the outcome of the review of the Joint Community

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Teams in which the principal recommendation was to move from the current position of two separately managed teams to a single jointly managed team which would ensure a consistent approach to the work of the Joint Community Team.

Decided:

- (1) that the initiative to co-ordinate the strategy for people with learning disabilities at Health Board level be endorsed, and
- (2) that the proposed reconfiguration of the Joint Community Teams into a single team with a manager to be appointed by the Lanarkshire Health Care NHS Trust be approved.

GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN LANARKSHIRE

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work in respect of the publication of a report by the Lanarkshire Health Board on the geographic equity and primary health care in their area (1) indicating that because of the Health Board boundary issue affecting the Northern Corridor, the report gave an incomplete picture of geographic equity issues in relation to primary health care services across North Lanarkshire; (2) intimating that the report highlighted (a) the correlation between deprivation and ill-health, and (b) that the pattern of primary care appeared to have produced an inconsistent response to health care needs in the Lanarkshire area; (3) commenting on specific questions raised in the report on which the Council's views were sought, and (4) indicating that the findings of the report could assist in the development of the provision of jointly co-ordinated services in the Primary Health Care Sector.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Council's concern in relation to the high levels of need in North Lanarkshire in developing its future primary care strategy be conveyed to the Health Board, and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to emphasise in the Council's response, that all possible steps should be taken to resolve the boundary issue in the Northern Corridor in order that a co-ordinated approach to health care issues could be achieved across the whole of North Lanarkshire.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATES INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 October 1998 by the Director of Social Work setting out further supplementation rate increases for establishments outwith the Authority.

Decided: that the new Supplementation Rate increases as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 January 1998 when, inter alia, it had been agreed that the Director of Social Work ensure that overtime would only be worked by officers paid above the SCP35 when it was deemed essential to meet the obligations and responsibilities of the Department and that there would be reports to Committee on a regular basis, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by

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the Director of Social Work providing details on overtime hours worked by Officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 25 August 1998 to 4 October 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

PROVISION OF "READY ROOM"

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated November 1998 by the Director of Social Work requesting authorisation to provide a "Ready Room" for a client in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to and the need for the "Ready Room"; (2) proposing that the client be provided with a "Ready Room" manufactured and installed by the Council, and (3) indicating that the Occupational Therapist responsible for the client's assessment confirmed that the "Ready Room" would be a suitable option, with the Social Work Department meeting the costs from within the community care budget.

Decided: that the provision of a "Ready Room" and its installation on behalf of the client be approved.

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

SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST

12. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 22 September 1998 when it had been agreed that the concerns of the Council in relation to inadequacy of current and future proposed provision of the Accident and Emergency and Maternity Services in North Lanarkshire be conveyed to the Common Services Agency, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 November 1998 by the Director of Social Work outlining the issues raised during a visit by the Convener of the Sub-Committee to the Divisional Headquarters of the Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Trust on 20 October 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.