

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Report on Standard Charge for Residential Accommodation operated by the Council
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the uprating of the standard charges for residential accommodation operated by the Council for elderly and people with learning disabilities.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 requires local authorities to set a standard charge each year for accommodation operated and provided by it.
- 2.2 The Act requires that the charge set should equate to the full cost of operating the service. COSLA issued guidance to Councils regarding those costs which should be included when calculating the standard charge to ensure that consistency is achieved regarding charges for local authority accommodation throughout Scotland.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The proposed charge is the average cost of providing a residential place in homes operated by North Lanarkshire and it is not intended to set a different rate for each individual home.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the new rate would be applied from 19 April 1999 to coincide with the uprating of D.S.S. pension increases.
- 3.3 The amount contributed towards the standard charge by a resident will be based on a financial assessment of the clients ability to pay as determined by legislation.

3.4 The proposed charges for long term care are as follows:

	<u>Cost per Resident per Week</u>	
	1999/2000 Proposed NLC Charge	1998/1999 Actual NLC Charge
Residential Home for Elderly People	£324	£316
Residential Home for People with Learning Disabilities	£502	£465

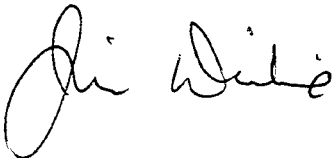
4. SHORT TERM CARE (RESPITE) PROPOSED CHARGE FOR 1999/2000

4.1 It is proposed to continue to operate a flat rate system where a standard client contribution is made towards the cost of respite care. The proposed flat rate client contribution towards the cost of respite care in local authority establishments for 1999/2000 is £52.00 per week (1998/99 was £50.25 per week).

5. RECOMMENDATION

Committee is asked:

- to approve the standard charges for long term care as shown at 3.4 with effect from 19 April 1999.
- to approve the flat rate client contribution for respite care as shown at 4 with effect from 19 April 1999.



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