

AGENDA ITEM No. 17

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

<p>TO: Social Work Committee Housing Committee Education Committee</p>	<p>Subject:</p> <p>Review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy</p>
<p>FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work</p>	
<p>DATE OF SW COMMITTEE: 23rd November 1999</p> <p>DATE OF HOUSING COMMITTEE: 1st December 1999</p> <p>DATE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 30th November 1999</p>	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the issue of the annual review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A draft review was prepared in June 1999 and joint planning partners agreed that the draft should be widely circulated to seek the views of service users, carers, staff and providers on the progress being made on the action plans. Comments were also sought regarding the format and readability of the Review.
- 2.2 In August 1999 Social Work Committee endorsed the draft review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy for a period of consultation.
- 2.3 In November 1999 the North Lanarkshire Joint Planning Forum approved the final version of the Plan.

3 CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 3.1 The draft review was the subject of a wide circulation by the joint planning partners. 1800 copies were issued throughout North Lanarkshire to:

- ◆ community based organisations
- ◆ providers of health and social care services
- ◆ elected members, MSPs and MPs
- ◆ staff

- 3.2 The Lanarkshire Community Care Forum's North Lanarkshire Steering Group held two meetings to discuss the Review. They sought clarification and information about the progress on the action plans and contributed valuable comments on how service users and carers can be involved in participating in consultation on future plans.
- 3.3 A number of written comments were also received covering a wide range of issues (see Appendix 1). A summary extract of comments is attached at Appendix 2. These comments have, where possible, been included and the final version has been amended in light of these. The final version of the Plan is being printed and a copy has been placed in the Members Library.
- 3.4 Lanarkshire Community Care Forum are appointing a North Lanarkshire Development Worker in the near future whose remit will include co-ordination of future consultation on such plans.

4 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the outcome of consultation and issue of the Review of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan and Accommodation Strategy and;
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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Appendix I

**Review of Joint Community Care Plan
& Accommodation Strategy**

Comments were received from the following organisations:

Aberdeen City Council,
Bellshill/ Orbiston Elderly Forum
Branches of the National Autistic Society of Scotland,
Carers Liaison and Support Project,
CareWatch,
Cumbernauld Action for Care for the Elderly,
Forth Health Board & Primary Care Trust,
Hatton Lea Nursing Home
Head Injury Trust for Scotland,
Headway,
Health Promotion Dept., Lanarkshire Health Board,
Highfield Group Edinburgh,
Horizon Housing Association,
Lanarkshire Community Care Forum,
Chief Administrative Pharmaceutical Officer, Lanarkshire Health Board,
Muirhead/ Chryston Elderly Forum,
National Pharmaceutical Association,
REHAB Goodwill,
Royal College of Midwives Scottish Board,
Royal National Institute for the Deaf
Social work staff
Shotts & District Voluntary Addiction Group,
Strathcarron Hospice,

Joint Planning Forum Review of Joint Community Care Plan & Accommodation Strategy

Extracts from written submissions

“The layout of the plan is clear and concise.”

“The North Lanarkshire Plan is very clear and we will use a similar style/format in terms of recording our progress towards Modernising Community Care - An Action Plan.”

“There is not enough consultation with private providers. Who actually is consulted and why isn't more money being spent on purchasing private sector provision?”

“There is a need for more information as to why some services in some areas are being developed as opposed to others.”

“The plan does not address the dilemmas posed by resource shortfall.”

“More detailed information could be included on the hospital discharge arrangements for North Lanarkshire clients in the Royal Scottish National Hospital.”

“The planning partners in North Lanarkshire should improve the quality of information to the public about brain injury including services provided by other agencies, eg. Head Injuries Trust for Scotland.”

“More should be done for people who are not known to Social Work Department.”

“Not enough is being done for those people living in the community who are not part of a hospital discharge programme.”

“More needs to be done in preventative health.”

“The review of the plan should note the initiatives in Motherwell North and South Coatbridge Social Inclusion Partnerships.”

“Staff within Social Work Departments should be given training and awareness in the specific needs of people with hearing impairments eg. people with hearing impairments who also have mental health problems.”

“It would be helpful if in future the individual care group sections of the plan could be issued separately.”

“Many people have complex needs eg. adults with learning difficulties who also have severe physical disabilities. The plan should recognise this by including a separate chapter on how the future needs of these people will be addressed.”

“The plan should take account of the variety of opportunities for joint working with pharmacies as they too work to maintain people in the community.”

“There may be vacancies for people from North Lanarkshire within REHAB Goodwill services.”

“The plan should not overlook the importance of the prevention and detection of post natal depression.”

“All departments need to engage with the deaf community and involve them in the planning and consultation process. The Royal National Institute for the Deaf can help facilitate this.”

“There are significant benefits about day care centres and these should be given the necessary help to ensure a high quality of service.”

“The involvement of Community and hospital pharmacy can be helpful in a variety of ways, eg the management of medicinal products for people with mental health problems, older people and people with dementia.”

“A training strategy should be developed to highlight the needs of people with autism.”