

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee 7th March 2000	Subject:
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT FUND: BIDS FOR FUNDING IN 2000 / 2001 (Round 3)
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to Committee the progress in respect of the joint proposal for funding from the Mental Health Development Fund for 2000/2001 which was submitted to the Scottish Executive in October 1999 by Lanarkshire Health Board, Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust, North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Mental Health Development Fund was set up by the Scottish Office Department of Health in 1997 in order to assist partnership working between health services, local authorities and other agencies to promote the development of local community services to meet the needs of people with mental health problems.
- 2.2 Local Health Boards are the lead agency in respect of co-ordinating and submitting formal bids to the fund. Financial support from the Mental Health Development Fund is limited to the first year only and successful applicants are required to demonstrate a commitment at a senior level to continued funding of the planned initiative beyond the first year.
- 2.3 An outline proposal for funding in 2000/2001 was submitted to the Scottish Executive as required by 29 October 1999 by the partner agencies. The main aim of the proposal is the establishment of compatible and/or integrated information systems to develop better joint working and information-sharing between care agencies involved in the field of mental health as well as to benefit service users and carers.
- 2.4 Details in respect of this proposal were reported to the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Committee on 16 November 1999.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 At the beginning of this year Lanarkshire Health Board was invited to submit further information to the Scottish Executive by 31 January 2000 with particular reference to the financial details in respect of the bid.
- 3.2 While supporting the aims and objectives of this bid, officers from North Lanarkshire Council have confirmed that it is not possible for the Council to commit revenue funding or provide match funding for any stage of the project. It will be appropriate, however, for staff from departments such as Social Work to make an in-kind contribution to the project by working in collaboration with the relevant agencies / representatives in the development of shared information systems and good practice guidelines.
- 3.3 In February 2000, Lanarkshire Health Board was advised that the bid for funding had been successful on the condition that further detail in respect of the needs assessment dimension of the project be submitted to the satisfaction of the Scottish Executive. Such a response is in the process of being prepared along with the partner agencies.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 To date Lanarkshire Health Board has been advised that £410,000 will be made available from the Mental Health Development Fund for the first year of the project, subject to a satisfactory response to the condition imposed as detailed above. This represents a shortfall of £90,000 from the initial bid of £500,000 to the Mental Health Development Fund - the implications of this still require to be fully considered. It is clear however that the partner agencies will not sustain any other costs than those detailed below.
- 4.2 The projected costs for the implementation of this project have been estimated by Lanarkshire Health Board and Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust in conjunction with the partner agencies as being £600,000 in year 1 and £150,000 in both years 2 and 3.
- 4.3 These costs will be met as follows:-

Year 1 (1.9.00 - 31.8.01)	£410,000	Mental Health Development Fund
	£90,000	To be determined
	£100,000	Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust
Year 2 (1.9.01 - 31.8.02)	£60,000	Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust
	£90,000	Partner Agencies
Year 3 (1.9.02 - 31.8.03)	£60,000	Lanarkshire Primary Care NHS Trust
	£90,000	Partner Agencies

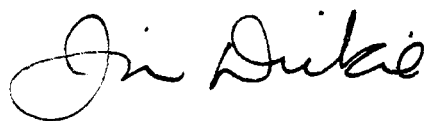
- 4.4 It is proposed that the funding of £90,000 in years 2 and 3 will be split three ways between the three main planning partners, namely Lanarkshire Health Board and North and South Lanarkshire Councils - each partner agreeing to provide funding or an in-kind contribution of up to £30,000 in both years 2 and 3 of the project.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 North Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department fully supports and endorses the main aim of this bid which is to establish compatible and/or integrated information systems to improve joint working and information-sharing in the field of mental health between care agencies, service users and carers.
- 5.2 As was made clear at the time of the initial submission of the bid in October 1999, it has been confirmed to the partner agencies that North Lanarkshire Council is unable to commit revenue funding to the proposal but would be willing to provide a contribution of up to £30,000 on an in-kind basis only in both years 2 and 3 of the project.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 Committee is asked to:
- (i) Note that the bid to the Mental Health Development Fund has been initially successful on the condition that further detail in respect of the needs assessment dimension of the project be submitted to the satisfaction of the Scottish Executive;
 - (ii) Approve an in-kind contribution to this project by North Lanarkshire Council as outlined above;
 - (ii) Note that the outcome of the submission of further information to the Scottish Executive will be reported to a future Committee.



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