

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB – 23 May 2000

Motherwell, 23 May 2000 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Homer, Jones, Love, Lunny, J. McGuigan, J. Martin and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources, Principal Officer (Child Care), Principal Officer (Planning and Development), Principal Officer (Registration and Inspection) and Senior Co-ordinator, Planning.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Devine, McCabe, H. McGuigan, McKinlay, Saunders and Stocks.

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

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated May 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising that, in accordance with Section 62 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 as amended by the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1987, there had been four new registrations and/or changes to the registration of establishments.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT: BUDGET FOR 2000/2001

2. The Convener intimated that the item regarding North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project: Budget for 2000/2001 was withdrawn.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 April 2000 when progress in establishing social care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated May 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) intimating that there were no new registered residential services which required a contract with this Council, and no new nursing homes services which required a contract with Lanarkshire Health Board; (2) indicating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith the Council for four individuals to accommodate client choice as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; (3) advising that standard contracts had been signed with providers of (a) supplemented registered residential services; (b) supplemented registered respite services; (c) home care services, and (d) supported living services, and (4) informing that the standard contract with the proprietors of Fairview Residential Home, Harthill had been terminated.

Decided: that the terms of the report be approved.

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LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - REVIEW

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when the arrangements for reviewing the list of authorised providers of social care services were noted and it was agreed that monitoring reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated May 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding progress in reviewing the list of authorised providers and seeking approval to adopt revised service categories (1) advising of the client categories contained in the Council's two lists for registerable services and non-registerable services; (2) indicating that the proposed six categories of non-registerable services detailed in the report would accurately reflect the Council's commissioning and contractual framework; (3) intimating that in addition to the 124 providers of nursing home services and 193 residential care home establishments currently on the list of authorised providers, the Council was receiving registered services from a further 116 providers who will require checks on their registration status; (4) informing that inclusion on the list of authorised providers did not guarantee usage of services by the Council, and (5) advising that there were 20 ongoing applications at various stages of assessment which would be the subject of a further report to the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised service categories as detailed in the report be approved, and
- (2) that it be noted that a further detailed report on the revised list of authorised providers of social care services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

USE OF PRIVATE HOME CARE SERVICES

5. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2000 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that monitoring reports on the use of Private Home Care Services in North Lanarkshire be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated May 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising of the use of private home care services in North Lanarkshire (1) intimating that as at 31 March 2000, 102 people were receiving services from private home care providers in North Lanarkshire, 76 of whom were referred directly by the Council and 26 were Independent Living Fund or Independent Living Services funded, and (2) setting out in the Appendices to the report the contractual status of each provider of private home care services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONNECTIONS PROJECT: PROPOSALS FOR YEAR 2

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress of the Connections Project and seeking approval for continuation of the project for a second year (1) outlining the background to and the aims of the project; (2) detailing the main findings of an evaluation of the progress of the project to date; (3) proposing that the project continue for a further year at a cost of £40,000 shared equally between the Council and Lanarkshire Health Board; (4) seeking continuation of the existing staffing arrangements for the project for a further year, and (5) setting out in the Appendix to the report the specific proposals to be addressed in Year 2 of the project.

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Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the evaluation of the progress of the Connections Project be noted;
- (2) that the Connections Project be continued for a second year as detailed in the report at a cost of £40,000 to be shared equally between the Council and Lanarkshire Health Board, and
- (3) that the matter be referred to the Personnel Services Committee for consideration.

1999/2000 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT BEST VALUE REVIEW: CHILDREN'S SERVICES (PART 3)

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for the executive summary of Part 3 of the Social Work Best Value Review of Services to Children and Young People and the preparation of an action plan in respect of the services reviewed (1) outlining the background to the completed parts 1 and 2 of the Best Value Review of Children's Services; (2) advising that Part 3 focused on Residential Schools, Family Support Services, Young People's Support Services, Services for Young People aged 16+ and Directly Provided Services; (3) outlining the review techniques and findings which provided details of the strengths of Children's Services and suggested areas for improvement; (4) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report an action plan detailing the priorities for addressing areas of improvement identified from the reviews; (5) informing that the protocol and charging policies on the contractual framework with residential schools which is independently managed was currently the subject of discussions between COSLA and the Scottish Independent Special Schools' Group, and (6) intimating that the four other services reviewed constituted value for money.

Decided:

- (1) that the Executive Summary of Part 3 of the Social Work Department Best Value Review for Children's Services be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Performance and Best Value) Sub-Committee for information.

ABSENCE MONITORING

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated May 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the levels of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department in March 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 23 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 28 February to 31 March 2000 and paid at SCP35.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for its interest.

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SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to supplementation rates set by other local authorities for registered residential and day care establishments based in the voluntary sector within their areas.

Decided: that the new supplementation rates as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

MAINTENANCE RATES FOR PENUMBRA RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES 2000-2001

11. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 24 August 1999 when (1) increases to the supplementation rates paid to registered residential or day care establishments in the voluntary sector were approved on an interim basis with effect from 1 April 1999, and (2) it was noted that individual reviews would be carried out on each establishment and any proposals would be reported to future meetings of the Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work setting out revised maintenance rates for services run by Penumbra, for people with mental health problems in North Lanarkshire (a) outlining the background to the services provided by Penumbra and the work which had been undertaken to identify how best to reconfigure services to meet the future needs of the Council, and (b) proposing (A) that a supported living service provided by Penumbra be set up on the same contractual basis as other projects within North Lanarkshire and that the funding for core costs be £31,175 for the year 2000/2001 with an hourly rate of £9.23 per hour being paid for support to individuals, and (B) that the maintenance rates for the registered services be set as detailed below:

Name of Establishment	Current Rate per Week £	New Rate per Week £	Effective Date
Penumbra 69 Glen Road, Wishaw	584.00	500.00	1 April 2000
Penumbra, 54 Millbank Road, Wishaw	529.00	521.25	1 April 2000

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed maintenance rates for the establishments at Glen Road and Millbank Road, Wishaw, as detailed heretofore be approved, and
- (2) that the core funding and hourly rate for the supported living service as detailed in the report be approved.

MAINTENANCE RATES FOR ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL, PLAINS AND OTHER SCOTTISH INDEPENDENT SPECIAL SCHOOLS' GROUP - RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

12. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 2 March 1999 when an interim maintenance rate of £1,109 per week for St. Philip's Residential School was approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the setting of a further interim maintenance rates proposed by COSLA for St. Philip's School and other Scottish Independent Special Schools' Group (SISSG) schools (1) advising that following a number of meetings between a number of local authorities and the CORA Foundation which acts on behalf of St. Philip's School, Plains, no agreement had been reached at setting a rate; (2) intimating that COSLA had agreed to convene meetings between local authorities and SISSG to establish protocols for agreeing maintenance rates and to put in place a contractual framework within

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which services would be delivered; (3) setting out advice received from COSLA following the discussions to improve transparency and dialogue over the setting of maintenance rates and service provision by schools, and (4) proposing that an interim rate be set to reflect those recommended by COSLA.

Decided:

- (1) that the interim rate for St. Philip's Residential School, Plains of £1,205 be approved and the interim rates for the other SSSG schools used by North Lanarkshire as detailed in the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee on the outcome of the discussions between the Council, COSLA and SSSG.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to enable the timeous development of home ownership options for people with physical or learning disabilities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY - DEVELOPMENT OF OWNERSHIP OPTIONS IN LANARKSHIRE

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 May 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the development of home ownership options for people with physical or learning disabilities (1) outlining the background to Ownership Options which was established to assist people with a disability to find suitable housing options to meet their needs; (2) setting out (a) the current position with regard to supported living services in North Lanarkshire, and (b) development proposals for the project; (3) proposing that (a) funding of £35,000 to include travel and administrative costs to allow Ownership Options to employ a Development Worker dedicated to North Lanarkshire be made, and (b) that £60,000 per annum be made available to assist disabled persons with the costs associated with house purchase.

Decided:

- (1) that funding of up to £35,000 per annum be provided to Ownership Options to fund the employment and associated costs of a Development Worker with a specific remit to support home ownership in North Lanarkshire;
- (2) that £60,000 per annum be allocated to assist disabled persons with the cost of house purchase;
- (3) that it be noted the Director of Social Work would submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee reviewing the development of the scheme after 18 months, and
- (4) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services Committee for its interest.