

Motherwell, 8 August 2000 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Homer, Jones, Love, McElroy, J. McGuigan, , McKinlay, J. Martin, M. Murray, Saunders and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Development and Principal Officer (Registration and Inspection).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Lunny, McCabe and H. McGuigan

**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 August 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 seven new registrations and/or changes to the registration of establishments.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE REPORT

2. With reference to Paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 May 2000 when progress in establishing social care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 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 home services which required a contract with Lanarkshire Health Board; (2) indicating that there had been a requirement to secure services outwith the Council for five individuals to accommodate client choice as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and (3) advising (a) that a letter of agreement and service specification had been signed in respect of an individual client assessed as requiring specialist services of a residential and day respite nature from Sense (Scotland), and (b) that standard contracts had been signed with Capability Scotland, Wishaw, Choices (SOS), Motherwell, Ellenvale Home Care, Coatbridge, Scothomecare, Motherwell and Blue Triangle SUSTAYN Project, Coatbridge.

Decided: that the terms of the report be approved.

LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - REVIEW

3. With reference to Paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 May 2000 when (1) the revised services categories for providers of social care services were approved, and (2) it had been noted that further detailed reports on the revised list of authorised providers of social care services would be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising of the outcome of the review of the list of authorised providers in respect of applications received from providers of registerable services (a) outlining the background to the review; (b) seeking approval to adopt a revised list of 190 providers of residential and registerable services for the provision of social care services for residents in North Lanarkshire 88 of which provided nursing home services and 130 provided residential care services, a significant number of whom provide residential and nursing homes services; (c) advising that new registered services would be purchased in response to individual assessed needs and the provider of this service would be added to the list following confirmation of their registerable status and reported to the Sub-Committee as required; (d) indicating that an alteration in service provision category had been approved in respect of Blue Triangle and the Voluntary Association for Mental Welfare (VAMW) to enable them to provide supported living services, and (e) intimating that a revised list of non-registered services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised list of authorised providers of registerable services as detailed in the appendix to the report be approved;
- (2) that the alteration in service provision category for Blue Triangle and VAMW to include authorisation to provide supported living services be noted, and
- (3) that a further report on the revised list of authorised providers of non-registerable social care services be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

USE OF PRIVATE HOME CARE SERVICES

4. 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 would be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work advising of the use of private home care services in North Lanarkshire (1) intimating that for the period 1 April to 30 June 2000, 75 people were receiving services from private home care providers in North Lanarkshire, 41 of whom were referred directly by the Council and 34 were funded through independent living fund or independent living services monies, and (2) setting out in the appendix to the report the contractual status of each provider of private home care services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORT : INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOME CARE AND SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the outcome of contract monitoring in relation to independent home care services and supported living services purchased by the Council from the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 (1) outlining the background to independent home care and supported living services; (2) advising that the contract monitoring measures applied to home care and supported living services would include (a) an analysis of quarterly returns submitted by service providers and area teams; (b) an analysis of complaints and their outcomes and (c) liaison with officers who had link worker responsibilities with

services; (3) summarising in appendix 1 to the report, the outcome of monitoring in relation to independent sector home care services, and (4) setting out in appendix 2 to the report, the outcome of monitoring of supported living services which provided services for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems and vulnerable young people.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE RATES FOR SUPPLEMENTED ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN NORTH LANARKSHIRE 2000/2001

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work setting out revised maintenance rates for Heatherpark House, Wishaw, SENSE (Scotland), Coatbridge, Alzheimer's Scotland, Action on Dementia, Alexander Anderson Day Centre, Wishaw, Loretto Housing, Wishaw, Loretto, Coatbridge and Key Housing Association Limited, Coatbridge (1) outlining the background to the work undertaken by each organisation; (2) providing details of the outcome of the review of each organisation, and (3) proposing that the maintenance rates be set to reflect inflation increases for 2000/2001 as detailed below:-

Name of Establishment/ Organisation	Current Rate Per Week	New Rate Per Week	Effective Date
	£	£	
Heatherpark House, Wishaw	337.00	375.00	1 April 2000
SENSE (Scotland), Coatbridge	1,261.34	1,289.27	1 April 2000
Alzheimer's Scotland	-	Same level as 1999/2000	1 April 2000
Loretto Housing, Wishaw	671.66	734.89	1 April 1999
Loretto Housing, Wishaw	671.66	748.11	1 April 2000
Key Housing Association Limited, Coatbridge	453.96	469.38	1 April 2000

Name of Establishment/ Organisation	Current Rate Per Day	New Rate Per Day	Effective Date
	£	£	
Alexander Anderson Day Centre, Wishaw	70.44	72.20	1 April 2000

Name of Establishment/ Organisation	Current Rate Per Annum	New Rate Per Annum	Effective Date
	£	£	
Loretto, Coatbridge	138,828.00	149,000.00	1 April 2000

Decided: that the proposed maintenance rates as detailed heretofore be approved.

SUPPORT FOR ORDINARY LIVING - BUDGET FOR 2000/2001

7. The Convener indicated that the item regarding Support For Ordinary Living – Budget for 2000/2001 was withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the 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.

ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the Lanarkshire Advocacy Project which provided mental health advocacy services to residents of North and South Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to the project; (2) intimating that South Lanarkshire Council had advised the Council that they had selected another advocacy provider for South Lanarkshire residents and that their share of funding for the project would cease from 1 August 2000; (3) advising (a) that in order to continue with the provision of the service in North Lanarkshire, the Council had asked the Scottish Executive to transfer a proportionate share of the Mental Illness Specific Grant Project funding from South to North Lanarkshire Council, and (b) that as an interim measure the Council and Lanarkshire Health Board had agreed to fund the project to allow it to continue until a long term arrangement had been concluded; (4) intimating that the cost of continuing the Project was £40,800 per annum, split equally between funding from Lanarkshire Health Board and monies from the Mental Illness Specific Grant Fund, and (6) advising that it was anticipated that approval to select a permanent provider of advocacy services in North Lanarkshire would be sought later this year.

Decided:

- (1) that the interim funding arrangements for the Lanarkshire Advocacy Project as detailed in the report be approved;
- (2) that the Director of Social Work bring forward a further report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee seeking approval to select a permanent provider of advocacy services in North Lanarkshire'
- (3) that a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee outlining the work undertaken by providers of Advocacy Services in North Lanarkshire, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

SPECIAL PAYMENTS FOR APPROVED ADOPTIVE PARENTS

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work requesting that special payments for the purchase of two large family vehicles be made to two approved adoptive families (1) outlining the background to the adoptive families and the need for the purchase of the vehicles, and (2) proposing that the Council provide funding for two large family vehicles for the S and T families at a cost of £15,000 each, on the basis that future maintenance,
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running costs and purchase of any replacement vehicle would be met by the families through their adoption allowances.

Decided: that approval be given for a special payment of £30,000 for the purchase of large family vehicles to meet the transport needs of the S and T families.

LEASE OF OFFICE PREMISES IN CHRYSTON

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the relocation of the Chryston Area Social Work Team to the Chryston Valley Business Centre.

Decided: that the matter be continued to a future meeting.

ABSENCE MONITORING

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 July 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the level of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department in May and June 2000.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 July 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 28 May to 25 June 2000 and paid at SCP35.

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

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

14. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 31 March 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed to carefully monitor expenditure on the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project and that periodic progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 May 2000 by the Acting Director of Housing and Property Services intimating that as at 31 March 2000 the project had 448 clients and 186 building cases complete or in the process, and of that 80% of the clients were over 65 years of age and over 85% had a disability.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.