

Motherwell, 9 January 2001 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Sullivan, Convener; Councillors Devine, Gordon, Jones, Love, Lunny, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McKinlay, J. Martin, M. Murray and Stocks.

CHAIR

Councillor Sullivan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Head of Social Work Resources; Principal Officer, Planning and Development and Principal Officer, Registration and Inspection.

ALSO ATTENDING

M. Moncrieff, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors 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 18 December 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 three 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 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 7 November 2000 when progress in establishing social care contracts within North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 19 December 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 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 one individual to accommodate client choice as detailed in Section 2.3 of the report, and (3) advising that the Council had entered into an agreement with Includem to provide services for young people at risk of offending.

Decided: that the terms of the report be approved.

LIST OF AUTHORISED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL CARE - NON-REGISTERED SERVICES LIST AND REGISTERED SERVICES ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 8 August 2000 when, *inter alia*, (1) the revised list of authorised providers of registerable services as detailed in the Appendix to the report was approved, and (2) it was noted that a further report on the revised list of authorised providers of non-registerable social care services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing details of five providers of registerable services who had been added to the list of authorised providers in response to individual assessed needs; (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report, 39 providers of non-registerable services recommended for inclusion on the list of authorised providers, and (3) detailing in Appendix 2 to the report (a) 11 applications which had been regarded as abandoned or withdrawn, and (b) 10 applications currently undergoing assessment 5 of which had been accepted as late applications and 5 the subject of fuller assessment.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised list of authorised providers of non registerable social care services as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved,
- (2) that the amendments to the list of authorised providers of registered social care services as detailed in Section 4.1 of the report be approved, and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work provide reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee highlighting further changes to the list of authorised providers of social care services.

PROVISION OF ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the process undertaken to select an advocacy service provider for people with mental health problems and seeking approval to appoint Lanarkshire Advocacy Project as the provider of the service in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the main themes of advocacy services for people with mental health problems; (2) detailing the criteria set out by the Scottish Executive for the selection of providers of advocacy services by local authorities; (3) providing details of the development of advocacy services in North Lanarkshire; (4) highlighting the five stages involved in the selection process; (5) intimating that following the selection process the selection panel had recommended that Lanarkshire Advocacy Project be the preferred provider of advocacy services in North Lanarkshire, and (6) indicating that the Council intended to convene a meeting between Lanarkshire Advocacy Project and members of the Mental Health Users Helpline Group to explore ways of forging partnerships between the Project and other applicants in the development of the new Advocacy Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the selection of Lanarkshire Advocacy Project to provide advocacy services to people with mental health problems in North Lanarkshire be approved;
- (2) that the positive outcome of adopting a developmental approach to the commissioning of advocacy services in accordance with the Scottish Executive Guidance be noted, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SCOTTISH CARE INDEPENDENT SECTOR NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOME OWNERS

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the outcome of discussions with local representatives of Scottish Care and advising of the issues identified with potential implications for the Council (1) advising that Scottish Care was an umbrella organisation formed in 1999 to represent the interests of independent sector nursing and residential home owners and home care providers; (2) advising that the Council funds 1,092 private sector nursing home and residential care places at a cost of £10.5m per annum; (3) setting out in Section 4 of the report issues raised at the meeting with the representative of Scottish Care including concerns regarding the current funding and fee structure arrangements; (4) highlighting the issues which were important from the Council's perspective, and (5) intimating that Scottish Care would provide the Council with further information on the financial difficulties faced by its members.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Social Work submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee on the issues arising from future discussions with representatives of Scottish Care, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 December 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.

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES PROVIDED BY ENABLE HOMES AT CARISBROOKE DAY CENTRE, AIRDRIE

7. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 April 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that (1) the core budget for the centre based service be increased from £217,339 to £221,083 to reflect transport costs, and (2) the non-centre based service budget remain at £95,046, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the development of day services provided by Enable Homes at Carisbrooke Day Centre, Airdrie and seeking approval for revised funding arrangements (a) outlining the background to the services provided by Enable Homes at the day centre; (b) setting out details of the requirement for additional revenue costs of £49,500 in respect of staffing cost adjustments and non-recurring revenue costs of £90,800 for the purchase of three adapted people carriers and minor adjustments to the Day Centre; (c) intimating that a public launch of the new service to six young school leavers had been planned for March 2001, and (d) indicating that the high level of care and support needs, high staffing ratios and the unit cost of £15,841 per person per annum demonstrated the need to negotiate potential joint funding of future developments with Lanarkshire Health Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the provision of additional recurring resources of £49,500 to enhance the services provided by Enable Homes at Carisbrooke Day Centre, Airdrie be approved;
- (2) that the provision of additional non recurring resources of £90,800 to enhance the services provided by Enable Homes at Carisbrooke Day Centre, Airdrie be approved, and

- (3) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to explore additional funding sources for future development of the service with Lanarkshire Health Board.

PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY PRIORITIES

8. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 22 February 2000 when, *inter alia*, approval was given to the priorities for the next stage of the implementation of the Learning Disability Strategy and the relevant funding proposals, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding progress made in the implementation of agreed development priorities for learning disability services and seeking approval for additional funding (1) setting out in Section 3 of the report the progress made in relation to Adult Family Placement Services, Neighbourhood Networks and publicity and video; (2) intimating that non recurring funding of £70,000 was required to progress the developments in relation to Adult Family Placement Services, Neighbourhood Networks, the publicity material and the production of a video, and (c) advising that work was ongoing to continue to increase access and equity to individualised services for people with learning disabilities.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in developing services for people with learning disabilities in North Lanarkshire be noted, and
- (2) that the additional non recurring resources of £70,000 required to progress the service developments detailed within the report be approved.

ABSENCE MONITORING

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) regarding the level of staff absence throughout the Social Work Department during the month of October 2000, and (2) advising that consideration was being given to employing an external agency to work with the Department to identify underlying trends and explore solutions to the current levels of absence.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during the period from 14 November to 12 December 2000 and paid at SCP35.

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