

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**REPORT**

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| TO: Social Work Committee | Subject: Wishaw General Hospital - Migration Plan |
| FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work | |
| DATE OF COMMITTEE: 25th January, 2001. | |
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Committee of plans for the opening of the new Wishaw General Hospital in May, 2001. The report also highlights the role which social work will play in ensuring that the migration plan between the new hospital and those units being replaced can be as seamless as possible.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Acute Services Strategy, published by Lanarkshire Health Board in 1995, proposed the provision of acute services within Lanarkshire through three acute hospitals and in 1998 approval was given to proceed with a major building programme to provide two new purpose built hospitals.
- 2.2 Lanarkshire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust will open two new purpose built general hospitals in 2001, the new Hairmyres Hospital and Wishaw General Hospital. The scale of the project is unique in the NHS in the UK and represents a significant improvement in hospital resources for the Trust and for the people of Lanarkshire.
- 2.3 Services will commence in March, 2001 at Hairmyres Hospital and May 2001 at Wishaw General Hospital. Services will also continue to be provided at Monklands Hospital.
- 2.4 A copy of key dates is attached as an appendix to this report.

3. THE MIGRATION PLAN

- 3.1 The primary purpose of the migration plan is to ensure the safe transfer of services to the new hospitals and the provision of care to patients during this period.

- 3.2 It is not possible to continue the provision of safe service delivery during the actual migration period, therefore Hairmyres and Law Hospitals will close for three and four days respectively during the transfer periods.
- 3.3 At the periods when Hairmyres and Law Hospitals close, all admissions will be directed to those hospitals which are open at that time. Admissions will be redirected to Law/Monklands when Hairmyres is closed and to Hairmyres/Monklands when Law is closed.
- 3.4 In order that hospitals may be able to cope with demand at such times, acute beds will require to be freed immediately before closure. Social Work will require to play an active role in assisting the process of freeing beds by ensuring early supported discharge arrangements are in place.
- 3.5 Social Work staff have been engaged in joint work with Lanarkshire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust to ensure that the migration process runs smoothly. To this end, senior officers from Social Work are involved in supporting the Trust in planning for users and in the setting up of early supported discharge teams.

4. CONCLUSION

Committee is asked to:

- 4.1 request the Director of Social Work to provide progress reports to committee on the transfer arrangements to the new hospital sites;
- 4.2 note the contents of this report.



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KEY DATES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Tuesday, 1st February, 2001 - 7 am | Closure of Stonehouse A & E |
| Monday, 14th February, 2001 | Transfer of Ophthalmology from Stonehouse Hospital to Hairmyres |
| Thursday, 1st March, 2001 - 7 am | Closure of Hairmyres A & E Close Hairmyres Hospital to emergency admissions. All admissions to Law/Monklands. |
| Sunday, 4th March, 2001 - 7 am | Open New Hairmyres A & E Open new Hairmyres Hospital to emergency admissions |
| Saturday, 19th May, 2001 - 7 am | Close Wm. Smellie Maternity unit to admissions - All admissions to Bellshill Maternity |
| Friday, 25th May, 2001 - 7 am | Closure of Law A & E Close Law Hospital to emergency admissions - All admissions to Hairmyres/Monklands |
| Tuesday, 29th May, 2001 - 7 am | Open Wishaw A & E. Open Wishaw General to emergency admissions |
| Monday, 4th June, 2001 - 7 am | Open Wishaw Maternity to emergency admissions. Open Psychiatric Unit at Wishaw General. Close Bellshill Maternity to admissions |
| Saturday, 9th June, 2001 | Close Bellshill Maternity Hospital |