

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP - CONSULTATION EXERCISE
FROM: J Dickie, Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 24th May 2001	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise committee of a consultation exercise seeking the views of interested parties on the future provision of long term care for older people. The consultation process will inform the Care Development Group which has been set up to advise the Minister for Health and Community Care on the issue of free personal care in Scotland.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Care Development Group was established by the Scottish Executive to bring forward proposals to ensure that older people in Scotland have access to high quality and responsive long-term care in the appropriate setting, including implementation of free personal care. The Group is to advise the Minister by August 2001 with a view to the first stage of implementation beginning in April 2002.
- 2.2 The membership of the Group and its remit is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Group has now invited responses to a questionnaire covering a wide range of issues. These are listed in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The deadline for comment is 1 June 2001, although the secretariat for the Care Development Group has indicated it will be as flexible as possible in considering late responses.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 In order to prepare a response which takes into account the views of older people and/or their carers, it is proposed that the Council should consult with representative groups in the area. A single consultation event is proposed. This will be organised in partnership with Lanarkshire Community Care Forum and the Convenor of Social Work will attend.
- 3.2 An extension to the time limit for the response has been requested to allow for the above mentioned event to take place.

3.3 Following this event it is proposed that the Director of Social Work, in consultation with the Convenor of Social Work will prepare a response to be sent to the Care Development Group.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

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Jim Dickie
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17th May 2000

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REMIT OF CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Care Development Group will aim to ensure that older people in Scotland have access to high quality and responsive long-term care, in the appropriate setting, and on a fair and equitable basis.

Its remit follows:

- To examine existing service provision and to identify gaps, deficiencies and duplication which may require to be addressed;
- To bring forward proposals for the implementation of free personal care for all, along with an analysis of the costs and implications of so doing;
- e To provide a clear definition of what is meant by free personal care
- e To examine the current deployment of resources from all funding streams for the care of older people and make any recommendations for change that are thought to be necessary;
- To work with the Chief Nursing Officer's Group to develop a person-centred holistic needs assessment process;
- To consider the interrelationships with UK matters, notably the tax and social security benefits system and cross border movement;
- To bring forward recommendations, together with costs and possible opportunity costs, of providing sustainable changes which will meet current and projected need and likely demand; and
- To report to the Minister for Health and Community Care by August 2001 with a view to the first stage of implementation beginning in April 2002.

CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEMBERS:

Malcolm Chisholm, Deputy Minister for Health: Group Chairman

Professor David Bell

Dr Roger Gibbins

Professor Alan Gilloran

Dr Sandra M Grant OBE

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CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO CARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Care Development Group remit is to bring forward proposals that will aim to ensure that older people in Scotland have access to high quality and responsive long-term care, in the appropriate setting and on a fair and equitable basis. To assist the Group with its considerations and in order to meet fully its commitment to involve older people themselves, their carers and others who provide care in home, hospital and care home settings, we would welcome views on current service delivery and future expectation,

This consultation is aimed at the full range of interests in older peoples' services. The questions below seek to ensure that the Group gets the views of both those who receive formal and informal care and those that plan and deliver it. Some questions will therefore have more relevance to some than others, There is space at the end of the pro-forma for you to add any other comments you wish to make.

The Care Development Group's remit and membership are attached,

REMIT	COMMENT
<p>1. To examine existing provision and to identify gaps, deficiencies and duplication, which may require to be addressed.</p> <p>Based on your experience please comment on:-</p> <p>i) The quality and availability of current services for older people</p> <p>ii) What could be done to address any deficiencies?</p>	
<p>2. To provide a clear definition of personal care and to bring forward proposals for the implementation of free personal care with an analysis of the costs and implications for so doing.</p> <p>i) What in your view constitutes personal care?</p> <p>ii) How can personal care needs best be met?</p>	

<p>3. The Group is examining current deployment of resources from all funding streams for the care of older people.</p> <p>Do you have any recommendations for change to the existing arrangements?</p>	
<p>4. The Group has to bring forward proposals for sustainable quality services for older people to meet current and projected need and likely demand.</p> <p>i) What do you see as the key challenges and priorities in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the short term (up to the year 2005) • the medium to long term (2005 & beyond) <p>ii) How should these be met and paid for?</p>	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS