

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: PARTNERSHIPS IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT - LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES
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1 CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the requirement to produce a Partnership in Practice agreement with joint planning partners as set out in the Scottish Executive review of learning disability services “The Same as You”

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Review “The Same as You”, published in the summer of 2000, provides a national lead for the development of learning disability services focusing on personal development and inclusion entirely consistent with the local Strategic Framework “We Want a Life”.
- 2.2 It is the expectation that Partnership in Practice agreements provide a clear, joint vision of the future direction and funding of learning disability services in each area in Scotland against the framework of the review.
- 2.3 The first Partnership in Practice agreements need to be completed and forwarded to the Scottish Executive by the end of June 2001 but it is the expectation thereafter that they will be incorporated into future community care plans.

3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 Officers of the Department are currently engaged in discussions with Lanarkshire Health Board, Lanarkshire Primary Health Care Trust and South Lanarkshire Council to produce a Partnership in Practice agreement. Discussions capitalise on consultation carried out for the preparation of the local strategic framework and more recently in the preparation of the Joint Community Care Plan.
- 3.2 The Partnership in Practice requires to address the following areas:
 - 4 a systematic assessment of local needs;
 - 4 implementing “The Same as You”;
 - 4 current and planned quality measures;
 - 4 a new pattern of services;
 - 4 how new and existing resources will be applied;
 - 4 how to achieve best value;
 - 4 specific outcomes

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The contents of the Partnership in Practice agreement will be entirely consistent with the Joint Community Care Plan.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the initial Partnership in Practice agreement be finalised by officers of the department in consultation with the Convenor of Social Work prior to submission to the Scottish Executive for the deadline of 30 June 2001.
- 4.3 The final document will be placed in the members library for information.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee is asked to approve the terms of the report.

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