

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE : ANNUAL REPORT VISIT TO NORTH LANARKSHIRE
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

1.1. To advise Committee of the Annual Report Visit to the Social Work Department by the Scottish Executive (SWSI).

2. CONTENT

2.1 The Scottish Executive has initiated a system of annual report visits to Local Authorities, Social Work Departments. Previous visits have been reported to Social Work Committee. The next visit to North Lanarkshire is scheduled to take place on 26th February 2002.

2.2 The visit will be made by officers of the Social Work Services Inspectorate, including representatives from the Joint Futures Unit, Criminal Justice and Learning Disabilities Services.

2.3 Prior to the visit the representatives from the Executive review material submitted by Local Authorities to the Executive including statutory plans, performance indicators.

2.4 This year the Executive has advised of 11 areas for discussion, and has also forwarded two questionnaires for completion.

2.5 Areas to be covered are as follows :

- ◆ Progress from Service Review 2000 (for North Lanarkshire this relates to a “Shift in the Balance of Care” and Bridging Teams)
- ◆ Recruitment and Retention of Staff
- ◆ Joint Resourcing/Joint Management
- ◆ Joint Working : Learning Disability/Mental Health
- ◆ Sensing Progress and Certification and Registration
- ◆ Learning with Care
- ◆ Criminal Justice Social Work
- ◆ Race Equality
- ◆ Arrangements for exercising Social Work Functions
- ◆ Modernising Government
- ◆ Throughcare and Aftercare for Looked After Children

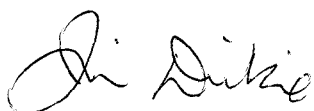
2.6 The Format for the day is currently being finalised in consultation with the Executive.

2.7 A further report will be provided to Committee following the visit.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of the report
- (ii) Request the Director of Social Work to provide a further report to Committee following the Annual Report Visit.



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