

TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: DAY CARE CENTRES – EXTENDING OPENING HOURS
FROM: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK	
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report makes proposals for the extension of Day Care Services for Older People. It seeks approval for development of current in-house Day Care Centres to allow provision over 7 days per week in all Centres.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee approved the review of Day Care Services for Older People in June 2000. That review recognised the need for standardisation of Day Services which had developed in an ad-hoc, piecemeal way with a variety of differences in grades, staffing levels and operation practices.
- 2.2 The review suggested that all Departmentally provided services should have consistent staff and grading levels, similar opening times and should be subject to the same procedures for referral, assessment, care planning and review.
- 2.3 Service users and carers value the service and see it as an important part of a community care package. Day care plays a significant role in supporting carers in particular by providing periods of respite from what can often be a challenging role. Carers of older people are often elderly themselves and in many cases their ability to cope can be compromised by their own health difficulties, by stress and by lack of appropriate support.
- 2.4 Consultation with carers of older people suggest that respite care, including respite offered by periods of day care, is a crucial support service which enhances carers' ability to cope with the caring role.
- 2.5 Good quality day care is an essential part of packages of care which help avoid admission to residential/nursing homes and support people to live at home.

## 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 There are six in-house Day Centres for Older People.
- 3.2 **Antonine Centre** is currently open over 7 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 9.45 pm.
- 3.3 **Sir John Mann Centre** is currently open over 7 days, provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 pm and opens till 9.00 pm on Wednesdays to provided evening care.
- 3.4 **East Stewart Gardens** is currently open over 6 days and provides Dementia Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

- 3.5 **Craigneuk/Stewarton Day Centre** is currently open over 6 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.
- 3.6 **Alexander Resource Centre** is currently open over 5 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.
- 3.7 **Harry Walker Day Care Centre** is currently open over 5 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.

#### **4. PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 This report proposes that the opening hours of Day Care Centres for Older People be extended to allow more access to services at evenings and weekends, to increase the number of Day Care places available for service users and allow Day Care to provide a flexible and responsive service.
- 4.2 Specifically, the proposal seeks to have all six centres opening seven days per week.
- 4.3 It is expected that the developments will be rolled out over the next twelve months and will be overseen by the Best Value Member/Officer Review of Day Care Services.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The financial implications of extending Day Care opening hours are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The costs associated with expanding Day Care provision, £ 95,000 per annum, can be met from new monies provided from the Scottish Executive.

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee –
- (i) Approve the proposals contained therein in relation to expanding Day Care Services for Older People.
  - (ii) Note the content of this report.



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## Appendix 1.

### **Proposal to increase Day Care Opening**

**Antonine Centre and the Sir John Mann currently provide 7 days service, therefore no further action is required.**

**East Stewart Gardens (Dementia Service) and Craigneuk/Stewart Day Care Centre would increase their provision from 6 days to 7 days.**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Increase in places</b>	<b>Increase in Staffing Cost Per Week</b>
East Stewart Gardens	16 Places	£414.08
Stewart Day Care Centre	20 Places	£207.04

(East Stewart Gardens is a Dementia Centre and this has a higher staff ratio due to service user dependency.)

**Alexander Resource Centre and Harry Walker Day Care would increase their provision from 5 days to 7 days.**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Increase in places</b>	<b>Increase in Staffing Cost Per Week</b>
Alexander Resource Centre	80 Places	£668.48
Harry Walker Day Care	80 Places	£541.28
<b>Increase No of Places</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>Total Cost for 52 weeks    £95,205.76</b>

These costs are based on Residential Worker Terms and Conditions as proposed in the Day Care Review of June 200. Staff ration of 1 – 10 places for Day Care Service and 1 – 5 Dementia Day Care Service.