

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: DELAYED DISCHARGE REPORT AND ACTION PLAN – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE INITIATIVE	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 22 August 2002	Ref: JD/JN/MD	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. To update Committee on progress in relation to the Scottish Executive Initiative to reduce the impact of Delayed Discharges on Acute Hospital Services by delivering effective care packages, to return, maintain and support people in the community.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Director of Social Work reported to Social Work Committee in May 2002, details of a major Scottish Executive Initiative designed to reduce the number of patients waiting for discharge from Acute Hospital Services. At that time, Committee approved a Joint Action Plan drafted by the Lanarkshire Partnership of Health and Social Work partners.
- 2.2. The Joint Action Plan was submitted to the Scottish Executive as part of a funding bid to support a number of initiatives designed to prevent hospital admission, support timeous and early discharge and create a range of community supports which should lessen the need for admission to hospital for a large number of vulnerable people.

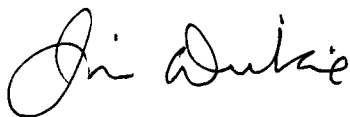
3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1. The Scottish Executive have responded to the Joint Action Plan produced by the Lanarkshire Partners Agencies by supporting in full the bids contained within the Action Plan.
- 3.2. This approval secures funding of £2.126 Million for the Lanarkshire Partner Agencies. The nature of the bids is such that, in the spirit of Joint Working it is not possible at this time to indicate how much funding will accrue to each partner/organisation. North Lanarkshire Council's share of this funding however will be in the range of £140, 000 - £350,000 and funding is awarded on a recurring basis.
- 3.3. The structure of the Delayed Discharge Initiative is being merged with that of Joint Future and arrangements are currently in hand to implement the Joint Action Plan.
- 3.4. Two key posts of an Integrated Service Manager are proposed, one within North Lanarkshire and one within the Primary Care Trust. In respect of the North Lanarkshire proposal, this is the subject of a separate report to Committee.
- 3.5. It should be noted that there will be a need for administrative support for these posts. This is the subject of continuing discussions with Health. The outcome will be reported to a future Committee.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. Committee is asked to:

- i. Note the allocation of additional funding to the Lanarkshire Partnership to address Delayed Discharges.
- ii. Request the Director of Social Work to submit a future report on the progress of the North Lanarkshire Action Plan for North Lanarkshire.
- iii. Otherwise note the contents of this report.



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