

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM No. 15

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: DAY CARE CENTRES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – EXTENDING OPENING HOURS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 27 FEBRUARY 2003	Ref: PM/TC	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report makes proposals for the extension of Day Care Services for Older People. It seeks Committee approval for the development of the Council's in-house Day Care Centres for Older People 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 that 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. 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. Day care also 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 older people themselves has demonstrated the value placed on day care services by older people. This is particularly borne out in the member/officer report "A Home for the Future" - approved by Committee in November 2000 - and resulted in Committee approving in principle the extension of opening times for Day Centres to seven days per week. 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. Following on from the 'in principle' approval for the extension to opening times, agreed by Committee in November 2000, this report now seeks detailed approval for extended opening.

- 2.6 The proposals are also consistent with the recommendations of the Member/Officer Implementation Group on Home Care Best Value Reviews.

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 a.m. – 9.45 p.m.
- 3.3 **Sir John Mann Centre** is currently open over 7 days, provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 p.m. and opens until 9.00 p.m. on Wednesdays to provide evening care.
- 3.4 **East Stewart Gardens** is currently open over 6 days and provides Day Care for people with Dementia 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 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
- 3.6 **Alexander Resource Centre** is currently open over 5 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
- 3.7 **Harry Walker Day Care Centre** is currently open over 5 days and provides Day Care between the hours of 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 This report proposes that the opening hours of 5 of the 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 to allow Day Care to provide a flexible and responsive service. Specifically, the proposal seeks to have all six centres opening a minimum of seven days and one evening per week. The Antonine Centre already provides a seven-day service.
- 4.2 The staffing increase required to provide extended opening in each of the Centres is detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 4.3 It is anticipated that the increased opening times will be introduced on a phased basis over the next few months as waiting lists for service and increased need in local areas is identified. Implementation will be monitored by the Headquarters Older People's Team.

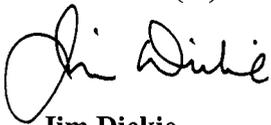
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 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, £219,722.90 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. Specifically:-
 - The creation of 3.2 f.t.e. (119 hours per.wk.) posts of Senior Social Care Workers
 - The creation of 6.8 f.t.e. (252 hours per.wk.) posts of Social Care workers
 - The creation of 0.7 f.t.e. (26.25 hours per.wk.) posts of Bus Escorts
- (ii) Remit this report to Policy and Resources (Personnel Sub Committee) for approval.
- (iii) 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 and one evening per week.

Centre	Increase in places	Increase in Staffing Cost Per Annum
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East Stewart Gardens (Social Care Workers - 42 hours and Senior Social Care Worker - 14 hours)	16 Places	£30,453.59
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East Stewart Gardens is a service for people with Dementia and this has a higher staff ratio due to service user dependency.

Stewarton Day Care Centre (Senior Social Care Worker 35 hours per week, Social Care Workers – 42 hours per week and Bus Escort 8.75 hours per week)	20 Places	£49,799.00
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Alexander Resource Centre and Harry Walker Day Care would increase their provision from 5 days to 7 days.

Centre	Increase in places	Increase in Staffing Cost Per Annum
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Alexander Resource Centre (Senior Social Care Worker – 35 hours, Social Care Workers – 84 hours and Bus Escort 8.75 hours)	80 Places	£69,735.16
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Harry Walker Day Care (Senior Social Care Worker – 35 hours, Social Care Workers – 84 hours and Escort 8.75 hours)	80 Places	£69,735.16
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Increased No of Places	196	Total Cost for 52 weeks	£219,722.90
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These costs are based on Residential Worker Terms and Conditions as proposed in the Day Care Review of June 2000. Staff ratio of 1 – 10 places for Day Care Service and 1 – 5 Dementia Day Care Service.