

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: PRINCESS ROYAL TRUST LANARKSHIRE CARERS CENTRE: SERVICE REVIEW AND PROPOSED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. To advise Committee of the work undertaken in reviewing the service provided by the Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre and to seek approval for additional funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Princess Royal Trust seeks to identify carer's across Scotland and to provide an effective response to them. This is achieved through a network of Carer Centres, which provide advice, information and support.
- 2.2. The Princess Royal Trust opened the Lanarkshire Carer's Centre in Hamilton in October 1995. Subsequently, in September 1999, a satellite office in Bellshill was also opened.
- 2.3. The initial three-year funding agreement involved the Princess Royal Trust, Lanarkshire Health Board and the former Strathclyde Regional Council. Following the reorganisation of Local Authorities in 1996, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Councils assumed a joint responsibility for the funding provided by the former Strathclyde Regional Council. In 1998, the Princess Royal Trust's three-year funding responsibility ended and the local statutory funders agreed an equal additional contribution to cover the shortfall. The current funding is:

FUNDING 2002 / 03	
North Lanarkshire Council	£20,832
South Lanarkshire Council	£20,832
Lanarkshire Health Board	£36,282
TOTAL	£77,946

- 2.4 In addition, both North and South Lanarkshire Councils provide additional funding through the Scottish Executive Carer Development monies made available to Local Authorities to support the implementation of the National Strategy for Carers. This expenditure is reported to Committee on a regular basis, most recently on 27th February 2003. The total development funding made available to the Princess Royal Trust by North Lanarkshire Council is £169,352.
- 2.5 North Lanarkshire Council works in close partnership with the Princess Royal Trust and other carer organisations in resourcing carers and to ensure their involvement in all aspects of service delivery and service development. The Princess Royal Trust has a range of feedback mechanisms in place to ensure that carers needs / issues / views are responded to and the service continues to be valued by local carers.
- 2.6 For almost 8 years the Princess Royal Trust has been providing a service for carers in Lanarkshire. Over this time, the work undertaken and expectations from carers, statutory and independent organisations have increased significantly.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Review

At a Princess Royal Trust Stakeholder Event in 2002, the funding partners agreed to undertake a review of the funding arrangements in recognition of the expansion and increasing demands made upon the service.

3.2 Findings

The review identified the following:

- The service has expanded considerably since 1995, resulting in the core costs being insufficient to meet current requirements.
- Some posts required to be regraded to reflect the expansion of the service and the increase in responsibilities.
- The need for a revised three year funding agreement.
- The need for a revised partnership agreement which clearly identifies the responsibilities of each organisation

3.3 Funding

The financial implications for the Department is a proposed funding increase over the next three years by all funding parties as outlined:

Funding Partner	Funding 2002 / 03	Proposed Funding 2003 / 04	Proposed Funding 2004 / 05	Proposed Funding 2005 / 06
North Lanarkshire Council	£20,832	£32,293	£33,262	£34,260
South Lanarkshire Council	£20,832	£32,293	£33,262	£34,260
Lanarkshire Health board	£36,282	£45,901	£47,277	£48,695
TOTAL	£77,946	£110,487	£113,801	£117,215

3.4 Other Implications:

The funding parties are currently drafting a partnership agreement, which will set out aims and objectives and expected outcomes.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the findings outlined at 3.2
- (ii) approve the additional three-year funding proposed at 3.3
- (iii) agree that a partnership agreement will be developed between the funding partners (North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and Lanarkshire Health Board)



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