

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN: 2004-2007
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to implement a planned programme of work to develop a Joint Community Care Plan and associated Needs and Resources Factfile for North Lanarkshire for the period 2004-2007.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 was published in 2001 in accordance with community care legislation and guidance. In 2002, a full review of the Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 was undertaken including consultation with service users, carers and staff. This Review was published and distributed to key stakeholders in November/December 2002.
- 2.2 A Needs and Resources Factfile for North Lanarkshire was produced in conjunction with the Joint Community Care Plan 2001 – 2004. This Factfile included for the first time, information relating to each of the five Local Health Care Co-operatives (LHCCs) that had recently been implemented.
- 2.3 In April 2003, the joint partners in North Lanarkshire submitted a full Local Partnership Agreement as required by the Scottish Executive. This Agreement set out the progress made to date by the partners in implementing the different elements of the Joint Future agenda for older people's services along with proposals to extend these arrangements to all community care groups.

3. JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2004-2007

- 3.1. As previously indicated, it is intended that the Joint Community Care Plan will cover a three year period, in this instance from 2004-2007. The Plan will provide information in respect of existing service provision along with planned developments and purchasing intentions for all community care groups.
- 3.2. As well as incorporating information to reflect the framework set out in 'Modernising Community Care; an Action Plan' (1998), the Joint Plan will also incorporate details of the developments being undertaken in respect of each of the care groups to implement the Joint Future agenda.
- 3.3. Alongside the development of the three year plan, it is proposed that the Needs and Resources Factfile be updated to provide accurate information about current and projected needs and service provision by the joint partners in North Lanarkshire. This work will complement the input currently being made by the partner agencies to support the joint resourcing and joint management aspects of the Joint Future agenda. The information will, where appropriate, be provided both at Council-wide level as well as at the Local Care Partnership level (co-terminous with LHCC areas).

- 3.4. As in 2001, it is intended that extensive consultation be undertaken in respect of both the preparation of the draft version of the Plan as well as with regard to the finalisation of the full Plan. It is proposed that this process be extended further to allow for early participation by service users, carers, staff and other key stakeholders in the initial preparation of the draft Joint Community Care Plan.
- 3.5. It is proposed that, in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow, Lanarkshire Community Care Forum will co-ordinate consultation and participation sessions, both for specific interest groups as well as generic public events, in order to promote involvement by service users and carers to maximum effect.
- 3.6. In order to implement the above proposals, a planned programme of work has been developed as follows:

TIMESCALE	ACTIONS
July – August 2003	Preparation of summaries updating existing service provision and future development proposals in respect of each community care group.
Sept – Nov 2003	Distribution of summaries to inform consultation with and participation of service users, carers, staff and key stakeholders on existing services and future planned developments.
Sept 03 – Jun 04	Preparation of Needs and Resources Factfile
Dec 03 – Jan 04	Preparation of Draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan 2004-07.
Jan / Feb 2004	Draft Joint Community Care Plan to Social Work Committee for approval with recommendations in respect of formal consultation.
Feb 2004	Printing and distribution of Draft Joint Community Care Plan
Feb 04 – Apr 04	Formal consultation on Draft Joint Community Care Plan.
April 04 – May 04	Final amendments/editing of Plan.
June 04	Final Joint Community Care Plan and Needs and Resources Factfile for North Lanarkshire to Social Work Committee for approval.
June/July 04	Publishing and distribution of Joint Community Care Plan and Needs and Resources Factfile for North Lanarkshire + submission to Scottish Executive.

- 3.7. It is proposed that a small multi-agency group of officers be identified to progress the above actions timeously under the direction of the Head of Social Work Development.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. As in previous years, it is proposed that Lanarkshire Community Care Forum will co-ordinate consultation with and participation of service users and carers in this process. This work involves a considerable financial outlay to the Forum in terms of administration, venues and transport costs. Consequently it is proposed that additional funding of £12,000 be made available on a non-recurring basis from existing community care budgets to the Forum to meet the additional costs.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. It is intended that the above process will integrate the planning mechanisms that have been in place in the last couple of years in terms of community care and Joint Future. Such an integrated approach will result in the production of one clear overarching action plan for all community care groups that has been jointly developed and agreed by the key partners, including effective contribution by service users and carers by means of their participation from the start of the process.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. Social Work Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the above proposals to prepare a Joint Community Care Plan and associated Needs and Resources Factfile for the period 2004-2007;
- (ii) Approve the allocation of additional budget to the Lanarkshire Community Care Forum to facilitate extensive service user and carer consultation and participation in the preparation of the Plan; and
- (iii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.



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