

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SHIFTING THE BALANCE OF CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report seeks Committee approval for new investment into community services for older people with mental health difficulties, made possible from transfer of financial resources from NHS Lanarkshire arising from the closure of Barra ward at Hartwoodhill Hospital.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has been working with NHS Lanarkshire to provide community services to replace long stay hospital provision at Hartwoodhill Hospital. Following the closure of Barra ward NHS Lanarkshire has agreed to resource transfer £441,776 (at 2002/3 prices), divided on a proportionate basis between North and South Lanarkshire Councils. North Lanarkshire's share of this resource release is £243,000. The planned use of these monies has been jointly agreed by officers of the Council and NHS Lanarkshire.

## 3 PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed developments to be funded through the resource transferred monies are:

- To provide additional funding to Equals Advocacy project in order to expand the service to include older people, and older people with dementia and functional mental health problems (£35,000).
- To make additional specialist training available to Occupational Therapy Staff within Social Work so they can provide/contribute to specialist assessments for older people with dementia and functional mental ill health (£7,000).
- To purchase two additional nursing home placements, for older people with dementia and/or functional mental illness (£44,000).
- To fund the temporary employment of two "Community Network Integration Manager" posts for two years. The managers main role will be to promote and develop an integrated care network of social and health care services, to support older people in need to remain living at home. These managers will adopt new and innovative inclusive approaches to day and other services and drive forward the alignment of services. Each of these Integration Managers will cover three towns and surrounding areas within North Lanarkshire Council, but will be located and initially concentrate on Motherwell and Coatbridge Local Care Partnerships areas. NHS Lanarkshire are additionally funding 50% of one of these posts (£57,000).

- To provide a small budget to each of the Integration Managers to enable them to develop a series of alternative innovative supports for older people within each community (£50,000).
- To contract, from the independent sector, for an information and support service linked to each of the two Memory Clinics operated by NHS Lanarkshire. The clinics assess those who have serious problems relating to loss of memory and often need treatment or other help. The service will visit people before their appointment at the memory clinic, follow up those who do not require ongoing Community Psychiatric Nurse support, provide information and advice to users and carers and promote community development e.g. arrange regular sessions on Alzheimer's disease on a locality basis. These workers will both cover three townships and surrounding areas in North Lanarkshire (£50,000).

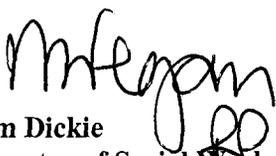
#### **4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 As indicated above, the cost of the proposed services is £243,000 to be funded by resource transfer from NHS Lanarkshire, who remain financially accountable for use of this money.
- 4.2 The Joint Future Human Resources Group has agreed that the two posts of Community Network Integration Manager (grade PO8) should be appointed within the agreed Recruitment and Selection Framework, as joint posts for Health and Social Work.
- 4.3 In relation to the proposed contract to establish an information and support service, Committee is asked to agree to enter into negotiations with Alzheimer's Scotland Action on Dementia by using a negotiated tendering process. Given the specialist nature of this service development, Alzheimer's Scotland Action on Dementia is considered to be the only provider in the Council area, which would have the expertise to deliver this service.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) Create two posts of Community Network Integration Manager, Grade PO8;
- (ii) Agree the use of resource transfer monies;
- (iii) Remit this report to Policy & Resources (Personnel Sub) Committee; and
- (iv) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

  
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