

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: CLUBNET – A NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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## 1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

This report advises Committee on the creation of the "Clubnet" service model, for people with a mental health difficulty and seeks approval to reinvest existing resources in this service development.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 In January 2005 Committee approved plans to implement the new Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 in North Lanarkshire, including start-up costs for a Clubnet service.
- 2.2 Clubnet has been developed by people with mental health problems in North Lanarkshire, supported by a development worker employed by the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH). It incorporates some of the features of the Clubhouse model that exists elsewhere - such as strong service user management input and peer support - but is much more focused on social inclusion and use of mainstream opportunities. This service would allow users to both receive, and assist with giving, support to people with mental health difficulties to access adult education, community resources, employment etc.
- 2.3 An extensive consultation exercise was carried out across North Lanarkshire between March and July 2005, involving people with mental health difficulties, their carers and a cross-section of people working in mental health services. Information gathered from the consultation has informed the proposed development of the service model, in particular it highlights the need to make the service socially inclusive, accessible, responsive and available locally and outwith office hours eg. evening and weekends when people often feel most isolated.

## 3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1 It is proposed that SAMH would continue to have management responsibility for the development and implementation of the Clubnet service. The Steering Group would develop into an Advisory Group and include service user representatives, representation from North Lanarkshire Council, other partnership agencies and members of the community. Existing positions within SAMH's management structure for North Lanarkshire would provide the management infrastructure for the service.

- 3.2 It is proposed to reinvest monies currently attached to the ETNA Project, an employment training project run by SAMH, to fund the develop of Clubnet. This recognises that the employment training approach has been more successfully superseded by supported employment. The Council has recently extended its own scheme to support people with mental health problems into employment.
- 3.3 Plans to ensure that services can be provided in each of the 6 community planning areas across North Lanarkshire require further negotiations with SAMH and are dependent on making best use of existing resources. It is proposed that detailed implementation plans will be the subject of a further report to Committee.

#### **4. Financial / Legal / Personnel Implications**

- 4.1 The existing Clubnet budget is £60,933 consisting of £40,933 from the Council and a contribution of £20,000 from NHS Lanarkshire. Additional funding to implement the service would come from the current Council and Mental Health Specific Grant contribution to the SAMH Etna Project (£105,942).
- 4.2 Proposals for the change of use of the existing funding have been agreed in principle by NHS Lanarkshire and SAMH. The Scottish Executive has been advised of the proposed change of use of the Mental Health Specific Grant Funding.
- 4.3 The estimated timescale for the initial phase of the service to become operational is January 2006 subject to the conclusion of agreement on a contract with SAMH.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Committee is asked to:
- (i) Note the continued development of the Clubnet service;
  - (ii) Agree the reinvestment of funds from the SAMH Etna Project ;
  - (iii) Seek a further report providing detailed implementation plans; and
  - (iv) Otherwise note the contents of the report.



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