

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB – 6 October 2005

Motherwell, 6 October 2005 at 11 am.

**A Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Devine, McCulloch, McKendrick, J. Martin, Ross, Saunders and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Freedom of Information Officer, Head of Social Work Resources, Head of Social Work Development and Monitoring and Standards Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cassidy, Lunny, J. McGuigan and Smith.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT'S LIST OF AUTHORISED SERVICES (LAS)

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when it was noted that a further six providers had been included on the List of Authorised Services, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work indicating that a further provider had been approved for inclusion on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix One to the report.

Decided: that the inclusion of a further provider on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE: CONTRACTS UPDATE REPORT

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when, inter alia, the progress in establishing social care contracts in North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing an update on social care contracts, and (2) listing in Appendix One to the report, four contracts which had been signed between 1 July and 14 September 2005.

Decided:

- (1) that the signed contracts, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide further reports to this Sub-Committee on contracting arrangements.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORTS

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when the use of private sector home care services and the outcome of contract monitoring for the period from April to June 2005 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work in respect of contract monitoring (1) setting out the contract measures applied to Independent Sector Care Homes; (2) advising that the services delivered by the majority of providers were viewed as generally satisfactory; (3) giving details of the current position regarding care homes within North Lanarkshire, including the finalisation of contractual negotiations with current providers, and (4) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of the monitoring of Independent Sector Care Home Providers, Care at Home Services and Day Care Services for Older People.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR ADULTS (EXCEPT OLDER PEOPLE)

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when the use of supported living services for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health problems purchased by the Council and the outcome of monitoring for the period from April to June 2005 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the use of independent sector services for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health problems, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Supported Living Services, Care at Home Services and Care Homes Services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR ADULTS WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the use of independent sector services for vulnerable young people and adults involved in, or affected by, the criminal justice system, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Sector Services to Adults and Young People within the Criminal Justice System, and a range of independent sector services provided to vulnerable young people within their communities.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

6. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when new supplementation rates were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the supplementation rates set by other local authorities for registered residential and day care establishments based in the voluntary sector located within their area.

Decided: that the new supplementation rates, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be approved.

ABSENCE MONITORING

7. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work from April to June 2005 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 October 2005 by the Director of Social Work detailing the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work for the months of April to August 2005.

Decided: that the position be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during periods 4 and 5 for the year 2005/2006.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for its interest.