

Motherwell, 8 December 2005 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillors Cassidy, Devine, Lunny, H. McGuigan, McKendrick and Saunders.

CHAIR

In the absence of the Convener, and in terms of Standing Order No. 57, Councillor H. McGuigan was appointed to and took the Chair.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, Head of Social Work Development and Monitoring and Standards Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Gorman, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, J. Martin, Nolan and Smith.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Councillor McKendrick to his first meeting of the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee.

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

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, when it was noted that a further provider had been included on the List of Authorised Services, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 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 1 to the report.

Decided: that the inclusion of a further provider on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

UPDATE ON SOCIAL CARE TENDERING LIST (SCTL)

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when *inter alia*, it was agreed that further providers be included on the Social Work Department's Social Care Tender List, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of progress made in reviewing the Department of Social Work's Social Care Tendering List, and (2) intimating that an additional two organisations had been recommended for inclusion on the list, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Thereon, the Monitoring and Standards Manager indicated that notwithstanding the terms of the report all five organisations specified in the Appendix to the report had been recommended for inclusion on the list.

Decided:

- (1) that the organisations recommended for inclusion on the Social Work Department's Social Care Tendering List, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide a report to the Sub-Committee on a six monthly basis, highlighting further changes to the Social Care Tendering List.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORTS

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, when the use of private sector home care services and the outcome of contract monitoring was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2005 by the Director of Social Work in respect of Contract Monitoring for the period from July to September 2005, (1) setting out the contract measures applied to Independent Sector Nursing 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 situation in relation to investigations undertaken, and (4) summarising in Appendix 1 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 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 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 contract monitoring was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that for the period from July to September 2005, (a) 252 adults with learning disabilities, 78 adults with mental health problems and 3 with physical disabilities were receiving Supported Living Services in their homes within North Lanarkshire; (b) in addition to the 252 people referred to in (a) a number of adults with learning disabilities were supported outwith the North Lanarkshire area under Supported Living Arrangements; (c) 78 adults were receiving a service from Care at Home providers on a spot basis each week; (d) 97 adults, of whom 61 had learning disabilities and 36 had mental health problems, were receiving a service in Residential Care Home settings; (e) two separate day services provided places for up to 45 and 35 people with physical and various secondary disabilities on a daily basis, and a further one provided daily day services for up to 12 people who had significant learning and physical disabilities, and (f) three services provided a total of 23 residential respite places for adults (and/or children) with learning disabilities, and (2) summarising in Appendix 1 to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Supported Living Services, Care at Home Services and Care Home 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 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 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 for the period from July to September 2005, and (2) summarising in Appendix 1 to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Sector Services to Adults and Young People within the Criminal Justice System, together with a range of independent sector services provided to vulnerable young people within their community.

Thereon, the Head of Social Work Development responded to risk management concerns raised by the Chair in terms of how the Department would respond to the failure of service provision for vulnerable people.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005, when the progress of the Care and Repair Project had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 November 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that, as at 30 September 2005, the Care and Repair Project had 2,691 clients, of whom 1,341 had cases complete or in progress and that, of those, 67% of the clients were over 70 years of age, and over 88% had a disability; (2) indicating that new referrals to the project totalled 148 in the quarter up to 30 September 2005; (3) pointing out that the total value of works completed in this quarter was £181,348; (4) advising that since the launch of the small repairs service, staff had visited 3,382 clients, with 2,140 cases complete and that, of those, 76% of the clients were over 70 years of age and 80% had a disability, and (5) detailing in Appendix B to the report, the income and expenditure account for care and repair in North Lanarkshire for the period to 31 October 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, when new supplementation rates were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 November 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 1 to the report, be approved.

REVISED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENABLE HOMES, CUMBERNAULD

8. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 November 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising on the progress towards modernising residential services provided by ENABLE Homes, and (2) seeking approval of revised maintenance rates in respect of current services

Decided:

- (1) that the revised maintenance rates set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report be approved, and
- (2) that the progress made in redesigning residential services to more individualised arrangements be noted.

ABSENCE MONITORING

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, when the level of staff absences throughout the Department of Social Work from April to August 2005 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated November 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 October 2005.

Decided: that the position be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 December 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during periods 6, 7, and 8 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.

RECOVERY IN MIND EVENT

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 November 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing feedback on the "Recovery in Mind" event held at the Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie on 1 November 2005 designed to promote and support recovery from long-term mental health problems.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.