

Motherwell, 4 May 2006 at 11 am.

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

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PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Cassidy, S. Coyle, Devine, McCallum, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, J. Martin, Ross, Saunders, Selfridge and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Gorman, Lunny, Lyle, McKendrick and Smith.

ADDITIONS TO THE 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 8 December 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 13 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work indicating that a further three providers had been approved for inclusion on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix One, Table 1 to the report.

Decided: that the inclusion of a further three providers 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 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, when the progress in establishing Social Care Contracts in North Lanarkshire had been noted and two contract extensions had been approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing an update on Social Care Contracts, and (2) listing in Appendix One to the report, two contracts which had been signed between 21 January and 31 March 2006.

Decided: that the signed contracts, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORT

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, when the use of Private Sector Home Care Services and the outcome of contract monitoring was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 April 2006 by the Director of

Social Work in respect of contract monitoring for the period from January to March 2006, (1) setting out the contract measures applied to Independent Sector Care Services for Older People; (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 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 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, 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 13 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that for the period from January to March 2006, (a) 320 adults with learning disabilities, 79 adults with mental health problems and three with physical disabilities were receiving Supported Living Services in their homes or in the community within North Lanarkshire; (b) in addition to the 320 people referred to in (a) above, a number of adults with learning disabilities were supported outside the North Lanarkshire area under Supported Living Arrangements; (c) 87 adults were receiving a service from Care at Home Providers on a spot purchase basis each week; (d) a number of adults were receiving a service in Residential Care Home settings; (e) two separate day services provided places for, respectively, up to 45 and 35 people with physical and various secondary disabilities on a daily basis, and a further one provided day service, daily, for up to 12 people daily who had significant learning and physical disabilities; (f) three services provided a total of 23 residential respite places for adults (and/or children) with learning disabilities, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Supported Living Services and Care at 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 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the use of Independent Sector Services for Vulnerable Young People and for Young People and Adults involved in, or affected by, the Criminal Justice System for the period from January to March 2006, 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, together with a range of Independent Sector Services provided to vulnerable young people within their community.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, when the progress of the Care and Repair project had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 April 2006 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that, as at 31 March 2006, the Care and Repair Project had 2,907 clients, of whom 1,451 were 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 95 in the quarter up to March 2006; (3) pointing out that the total value of works completed in this quarter was £243,856; (4) advising that since the launch of the small repairs service, staff had visited 4,206 clients, with 2,759 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 A to the report, the Income and Expenditure Account for Care and Repair in North Lanarkshire for the period to 31 March 2006.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, when new supplementation rates were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 April 2006 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.

ABSENCE MONITORING

8. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, when it was agreed that details of the assessment of the effectiveness of the Case Management Pilot be included in the next report on absence monitoring and the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work from April 2005 to January 2006 was noted, there were submitted (1) a report (docketed) dated 21 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work detailing the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work for the months of February and March 2006, and (2) a report (tabled and docketed) dated April 2006 by the Consultant Occupational Physician, Salus Occupational Health and Safety, setting out the findings of a review of the Case Management Pilot within the Department of Social Work; indicating that further evaluation work was being undertaken, and advising that it had been agreed that the programme be extended for a further six month period from April 2006.

Decided: that the position be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

9. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 April 2006 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during periods 12 and 13 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.