

SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) SUB – 5 October 2006

Motherwell, 5 October 2006 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Cassidy, S. Coyle, Gorman, Lunny, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, J. Martin, Ross, Selfridge and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Devine, McCallum, McCulloch, Saunders and Smith.

**REMIT FROM HOUSING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 31 AUGUST 2006 –
NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT – EXTENSION TO PROJECT**

1. With reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Technical Services Committee, when that Committee, having considered a report by the Director of Housing and Property Services seeking approval to re-appoint Clyde Valley Housing Association as the Managing Agent for the Care and Repair Service within North Lanarkshire for a further year to 31 March 2008, had agreed (1) that Clyde Valley Housing Association be re-appointed by the Council and its partners to manage Care and Repair in North Lanarkshire up to 31 March 2008, subject to the provision of a satisfactory business plan and confirmation of funding contribution from the Social Work Department and NHS Lanarkshire, and (2) to remit the report to the Social Work Committee for information, the Sub-Committee considered the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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

2. Reference having been made to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work indicating that a further two 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 two 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

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, when the progress in establishing Social Care Contracts in North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing an update on Social Care Contracts, and (2) listing in Appendix One to the report, 31 contracts which had been signed between April and August 2006.

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

SERVICE MONITORING REPORTS

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, when the use of Private Sector Home Care Services and the outcome of contracting monitoring was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work in respect of contract monitoring for the period from April to August 2006, (1) setting out the contract measures applied to Independent Sector Care Services for Older People; (2) giving details of the current position regarding Care Homes within North Lanarkshire, including the situation in relation to investigations undertaken, and (3) 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)

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 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 20 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that for the period from April to August 2006, (a) 314 adults with learning disabilities, 75 adults with mental health problems and three with physical disabilities were receiving Supported Living Services in their homes within North Lanarkshire; (b) in addition to the 314 people referred to in (a) above, 76 adults with learning disabilities were supported outside the North Lanarkshire area under Supported Living Arrangements; (c) 78 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, and (e) a range of other adult support services were subject to monitoring, these included day services, day opportunities and residential respite services, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Supported Living Services, Care at Home Services and Miscellaneous Services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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

6. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2006 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 April to August 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

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, when the progress of the Care and Repair Project had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 September 2006 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that, as at 30 June 2006, the Care and Repair Project had 2,991 clients and 1,503 cases complete or in progress; (2) indicating that new referrals to the project were 84 in the quarter ending 30 June 2006; (3) advising that as at 30 June 2006, the Small Repairs Service had 3,738 clients and 3,099 cases complete, and (4) detailing within Appendix 2 to the report, the income and expenditure account for the Care and Repair to 30 June 2006.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

8. With reference to paragraph 25 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 24 August 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 October 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 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided: that the new supplementation rates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

TRAINING STAFF IN THE USE OF ASSISTED LIVING TECHNOLOGY

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the Dementia Services Development Centre, based at Stirling University, had sought the Council's support in developing a joint training pack to promote good practice in developing the use of specialised technology to support people with dementia and other cognitive impairments; (2) indicating that the Development Centre had requested funding of £4,380 to produce a Guide for Best Practice, to be based on work undertaken in North Lanarkshire, which would be launched at a seminar in early 2007, following which the pack would be widely available across all Council areas and incorporated into the Development Centre's online learning systems, and (3) seeking approval to support the project.

Decided:

- (1) that the joint training initiative be supported and funding of £4,380 allocated for the proposals, as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

LANARKSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH (LAMH) SERVICE REDESIGN

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress made in relation to the redesign of the services provided by the Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health (1) outlining proposals for the new service to be provided by the Association throughout North Lanarkshire within the framework of locality working; (2) advising that a detailed service specification was being developed as part of the revised contractual arrangements, which were expected to be concluded by March 2007; (3) pointing out (a) that the Council currently provided block funding for the Association, including Mental Health Specific Grant to a value of £632,503; (b) that the new contractual arrangements provided for an agreed hourly rate in line with other independent sector service providers in North Lanarkshire, and (c) that a proportion of the proposed funding would be excluded from the hourly rate services and reserved for the smaller Day Opportunities Service, as detailed in the report, and (4) indicating that the new service proposals had been approved at the Association's Board meeting held on 13 September 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised funding arrangements, as detailed in the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

PROPOSED INCREASE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION RATES 2006/2007 FOR ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

11. With reference to paragraph 26 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 24 August 2006, when new maintenance rates for various voluntary organisations providing services within North Lanarkshire were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work (1) setting out maintenance rates for three voluntary organisations providing services within North Lanarkshire, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (2) advising that the proposed rates had been calculated by reviewing the 2005/2006 budget and agreeing increases where there was unavoidable pressure or where efficiency savings were not possible to offset increased costs.

Decided: that the new maintenance rates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

REVISED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR QUARRIERS SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

12. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 May 2004, when, *inter alia*, revised financial arrangements for Quarriers Supported Living Services were agreed, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 September 2006 by the Director of Social Work regarding revised costs for the Supported Living Services provided by Quarriers (1) intimating that a financial review had been undertaken in relation to the arrangements for the provision by Quarriers of Supported Living Services in terms of core funding and the hourly rate of support; (2) indicating that in 2005/2006, Quarriers had supported 40 service users, and (3) proposing for 2006/2007 (a) that the core funding be increased by £30,000 to £281,345 to reflect costs incurred, and (b) that an increase in the hourly rate to £12.32 for direct support costs, be agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that the core cost of £281,345 for 2006/2007 for Quarriers Supported Living Services, be approved;
 - (2) that the hourly rate of £12.32 for direct support costs, be approved, and
 - (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.
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ABSENCE MONITORING

13. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, when the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work for February and March 2006 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 October 2006 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 2006.

Decided: that the position be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

14. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 4 May 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 October 2006 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during periods 1, 2 and 3 for the year 2006/2007.

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