

Motherwell, 11 April 2000 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Selfridge, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Coyle, Curley, Gordon, Gorman, Irvine, Lafferty, McCallum, McLaughlin, Morris, Robertson, Ross and Shaw.

CHAIR

Councillor Selfridge (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Social Work, Principal Officer, Childcare and Principal Officer, Criminal Justice.

ALSO ATTENDING

Mr. I. Adams, Ms M. Creaney and Ms. L. O'Rourke, Throughcare and Aftercare Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cox, H. McGuigan and Sullivan.

THROUGH-CARE AND AFTERCARE SERVICES

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 March 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the development of services provided by Throughcare Teams in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to Throughcare and Aftercare Services and the category of young people which the services target; (2) detailing the structure and range of services provided by the two Throughcare Teams based in Airdrie and Motherwell; (3) advising that, at present, 27 young people were accommodated within North Lanarkshire residential units and 29 young people in residential schools; (4) setting out the recent developments in the provision of throughcare and aftercare services, and (5) intimating that (a) future plans for the service would ensure young people were not excluded from obtaining accommodation, and (b) follow-on accommodation from residential units, foster carers and other placements would be provided.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

OUT OF HOURS HOME CARE SERVICE

2. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 19 January 1999 when, *inter alia*, the proposals for the creation of a North Lanarkshire Alert Control Centre were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 March 2000 regarding developments in the dedicated out of hours service for home care clients at Merrystone House, Coatbridge (1) outlining the background to the need for further development of the Council's Out of Hours Home Care Service; (2) advising that the recruitment of staff was almost complete and that the

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service was in the process of transferring to Merrystone House, Coatbridge from the Area Teams on an incremental basis, and (3) intimating that the transfer would be completed within the next 3 months.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE SERVICES - ALLOCATION OF GRANT 2000/2001

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 March 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the level of grant provided by the Scottish Executive for the provision of core criminal justice services for 2000/2001 (1) outlining the background to the funding of criminal justice services which was divided into four parts, Core Services, Non Core Services, Service Development and work associated with Restriction of Liberty Order Pilot; (2) intimating that the grant allocation to North Lanarkshire for 2000/2001, for Criminal Justice Core Services was £1,897,000; (3) providing a comparison of outturn figures between 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 for the number of Social Enquiry Reports, Probation Orders, Community Service Orders, Home Circumstance Reports, Throughcare Orders and Supervised Attendance Orders; (4) intimating that a review of the structure of criminal justice services as a whole would be undertaken when the overall level of funding was approved, and (5) informing that the Scottish Executive had reduced the level of grant for the delivery of supervised attendance from £100,000 to £60,000 which could undermine the framework needed to develop new services.

Decided: that the level of grant allocation for Criminal Justice Core Services for 2000/2001 be noted.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES: THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDICTION SERVICES - SURVEY OF SERVICE USERS

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 18 January 2000 when, *inter alia*, approval was given for the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health to undertake a survey of service users in terms of addiction services related to the criminal justice system, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 March 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health was no longer able to undertake the survey; (2) seeking approval to commission the Stirling University Social Work Research Centre to undertake the survey; (3) indicating that Stirling University Social Work Research Centre had a long history of research activity associated with the criminal justice system, and (4) intimating that there would be no additional cost related to commissioning Stirling University Social Work Research Centre to undertake the survey.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given for Stirling University Social Work Research Centre to undertake the survey of service users in terms of addiction services related to the criminal justice system, and
- (2) that the outcome of the survey and proposals for the development of services be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.