

AGENDA ITEM No. 3.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE, STATISTICAL RELEASE: CARE HOMES, SCOTLAND - MARCH 2004
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of statistical information produced by the Scottish Executive in its 'Statistics Release' in relation to the usage of care homes. The information shows comparative occupancy rates per Council area for both Local Authority/NHS and independent sector care homes. It should be noted that the Statistics Release does not provide any argument or analysis in respect of the outcomes presented.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The 'Statistics Release' presents national figures for all care homes for adults in Scotland. This Committee report concentrates on older peoples' statistics. All figures relate to 31st March 2004 and are *provisional and subject to change. Care homes that de-registered to become Housing Support Services are omitted.

*As advised by the Scottish Executive

2.2 The statistical information contained in the 'Statistics Release' is provided from the Scottish Care Home Census. This census combines two former surveys - 'The Residential Care Homes Survey' and 'The Private Nursing Home Census'. Returns are made to the Scottish Executive by individual care homes directly or via local authorities.

3. MAIN POINTS

3.1 At the 31st March 2004 there were 1548 registered care homes providing 42,883 places to 38,195 residents, of which, 86% (36,697) were for older people and those with dementia.

3.2 The number of registered places in care homes for older people has fallen slightly to 36,697 (a decrease of 112 places since September 2003).

3.3 The occupancy rate in registered care homes for older people (the number of occupied or available places) has also fallen from 92.9% to 91.7%.

3.4 North Lanarkshire's occupancy rate (90.9%) is slightly under the Scottish average of 91.7% and represents a half percent decrease from the previous 6 months. This compares with 13 other local authorities that had an equal or lower rate of occupancy. 18 councils had a higher occupancy rate. The average occupancy rate for local authority care homes is 89.7%.

4. FINDINGS

- 4.1 There were 196 registered care homes for older people in the Local Authority/NHS sector compared to 629 in the private sector and 146 in the voluntary sector.
- 4.2 Since March 2001 - The number of care homes has decreased by 6.3% (65 homes)
 The number of places has decreased by 2.5% (934)
 The number of residents has decreased by 2.7%
 Places per 1,000 pop aged 65+ has decreased by 3.9%
- 4.3 The Local Authority/NHS sector closed 11 homes since March 2001 and opened 7 new homes in the same time-scale.
- 4.4 North Lanarkshire is recorded with one home closure in 2002. This was not a Local Authority Home.
- 4.5 North Lanarkshire is recorded as having 38% of its care homes with en-suite facilities. This compares with a national average of 33%. Within the private and voluntary sector, the percentage of en-suite facilities in place in North Lanarkshire represents 54%. This figure is below a national average of 69%.

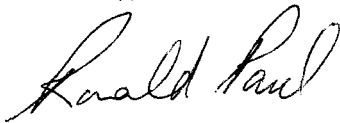
5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 North Lanarkshire's occupancy rates for care homes are now presented statistically as an amalgam of Local Authority care homes and Nursing Care Homes. Separate statistics are provided for private and voluntary homes. In some instances all care homes in North Lanarkshire are grouped together. This does not allow for individual differences in practice and policy to be identified.
- 5.2 The 'Statistics Release' paper does not and cannot provide the necessary information required to analyse outcomes that reflect national and local authority policy on occupancy rates.
- 5.3 The "Release" only allows a snapshot of usage at 31st March 04. This in effect must be seen as a general overview. Its value lies in its demographic spread of statistics, particularly in relation to the private sector where change occurs more radically.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the contents of this report.



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