

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE..... (25 February 1997)

**REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER
ESTABLISHMENTS: DAY CARE STANDARDS FOR ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

ABSTRACT

This report refers to a specially developed set of pilot standards against which three units providing Day Care for Adults with Disabilities and Older People will be inspected. The programme of pilot inspections is expected to be complete by 31st March 1997 after which a further report will be submitted to committee for final approval of the standards.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee approves the standards for the pilot inspections of the stated model of care.

2 BACKGROUND

Under the terms of Part IV of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, the local authority is required to register residential and other establishments operated by independent providers of care and inspect residential and other establishments operated by the local authority and independent providers of care.

As part of these duties the authority is required to set conditions for registration and standards by which establishments will be inspected.

Scottish Office Circular No SWSG7/96 of 27th March 1996 required new unitary authorities to ensure that regular inspections, of homes for adults and children and registered day care services for adults, are carried out.

The Social Work Committee at its meeting of 23 August 1995 adopted the amended standards previously operated by the former Tayside Regional Council (Report No 51/95)

3 PROPOSAL

While those standards provide a good platform from which to build they do not do not include day care services for adults with disabilities and older people. It is anticipated that a significant number of day care provision for adults with disabilities and older people within the private and voluntary sector will require to register and that these facilities along with Local Authority day care provision will require to be inspected.

In order to ease the implementation of registration and inspection for all concerned it is proposed that these standards are used to inspect three Local Authority day care provisions by 31st March 1997. The outcome of these inspections will be used to refine the pilot standards before presenting them to committee in their final form

A range of models of Care in the Community are being developed in response to the assessed needs of services users. It is intended to establish standards which reflect this and which are achievable within an Angus context.

The pilot standards to which this report refers constitute a significant step in this regard. They are specific to the model of care proposed, addressing the issues relating to that model of care and the level of services provided by any applicant.

The standards have been the focus of in depth consultation within Angus Council Social Work Department, the Department of Law and Administration as well as Tayside Health Board, Angus Trust and the Private and Voluntary Sector. Amendments have been made to reflect the responses from these parties.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

This reader friendly set of standards will assist the provider of care to develop their service within a positive framework of quality standards which reflect the specific nature of this model of care in the community.

All Providers of care (including Angus Council) will progressively work to specific standards rather than the all encompassing document which currently contains the care requirements.

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NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

