

ANGUS COUNCIL

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

REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER
ESTABLISHMENTS: SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RESPITE CARE WITH
ADDITIONAL DAYCARE PROVISION
STANDARDS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

ABSTRACT

This report refers to a specially developed set of standards against which all proposed short-term residential respite care with additional daycare provision for children with disabilities will be inspected.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee approves the standards for registration and inspection of the stated model of care. A copy of these standards is attached to this report.

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.

The Social Work Committee at their 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, it is the intention of the Director of Social Work to review these, as appropriate, over a period of time. 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 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 with the Education Department and the Department of Law and Administration as well as Tayside Health Board and Angus Trust. Amendments have been made which reflect comments 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.