

ANGUS COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE15 APRIL 1997****MENTAL ILLNESS SPECIFIC REVENUE GRANT****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK****ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the applications which have been submitted to the Scottish Office for revenue grant assistance in respect of community care projects in the mental illness field during 1997-98.

These have been approved by the Scottish Office.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee notes:

- (i) the applications submitted to the Scottish Office for funding in 1997/98, and instructs the Director of Social Work to advise Committee in due course of the outcome of the submission to the Scottish Office.
- (ii) that there have been accepted for funding by the Scottish Office.

2. INTRODUCTION

Mental Illness Specific Grant (MISG) was introduced in 1991 with the aim of developing services in the community to support people with a mental illness. Funding increased each year to 1995/96, and then was maintained at the same level for 1996/97. In 1996/97 Angus Council has funded MISG projects to the value of £418,668. The local authority is required to meet 30% of the cost of the projects, with 70% of the cost coming in the form of specific grant assistance, and the total grant requested from the Scottish Office for 1996/97 has been £293,068.

In a letter issued on 30 January 1997, headed "National Health Services and Community Care Act, 1990: Mental Illness Specific Revenue Grant (MISG)", the Scottish Office invited authorities to submit applications for funding in 1997/98. It was emphasised that provision was being made to sustain the grant at its current level in 1997/98, and that councils should review the effectiveness of existing projects, and whether projects should continue to be grant funded.

3. PROPOSAL

In the light of there being no increase in the available specific grant funding for 1997/98, applications have been submitted for continued funding for all the present projects in Angus. It is proposed to extend one project, the Supported Lodgings Project, to enable support to be provided to people living in individual, protected, furnished tenancies in the community, but this extension will be contained within the same budget as for 1996/97.

The projects are:-

	Grant Requested for 1997/98 - 70% £
a. Day Access in Rural Angus	113880
b. Headway (Acquired Brain Injuries Project)	17723
c. Supported Lodgings/Community Support Project (SAMH)	18550
d. Penumbra Respite Care Project	2567
e. Angus Dementia Night Care Service	37100
f. Angus Dementia Resource Worker (Alzheimer Scotland)	23610
g. Angus Mental Health Association Development	31990
h. Angus Dementia Home Support Project (Crossroads)	14280
i. Angus Mental Health Cost Centre Development	29400
TOTAL	<u>289100</u>

The Scottish Office has been advised that the Director of Social Work has agreed in principle to support the continuation of the present Angus projects and has agreed to support the above projects for future year 1997-98.

The Scottish Office also indicated that the main criteria for judging applications for grant will be the extent to which proposed projects will assist in meeting the Government's policy for assisting the discharge of people from psychiatric hospital care and reducing the requirement for re-admission through the provision of appropriate community based services. The Scottish Office has therefore also been advised that all the existing projects have been considered, as part of the current range of community services in Angus, in the preparation of the local

mental health strategy. All of the consultees agree that the projects detailed above should remain as essential elements within this range of community mental health services in Angus.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects, approved by the Scottish Office will attract specific grant of 70%, and the financial implications relating to this report are that the net cost to the Department will be approximately £125,000 i.e. 30% of the total cost of the projects. Allowance has been made for this in the Department's revenue budget.

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 report has been prepared to advise members of the Mental Illness Specific Grant Scheme, and to outline the applications which have been submitted to the Scottish Office for continued funding in 1997/98.

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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 this report.

