

ANGUS COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE..... 14 JANUARY 1997****REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER
ESTABLISHMENTS: STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR
ADULTS WITH A MODERATE TO SEVERE LEARNING DISABILITY
AND/OR A MODERATE TO SEVERE PHYSICAL DISABILITY****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK****ABSTRACT**

This report proposes a new set of standards for the residential care of adults with a moderate to severe learning disability and/or a moderate to severe physical disability. These standards will be used to inspect the proposed community care residential project at 10 Doocot Park, Arbroath and other similar projects.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:

- (i) approve the standards for the registration and inspection 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 and inspect independent establishment providing residential and day-care services.

As part of these duties the authority is required to set conditions of registration and standards by which establishments will be inspected. 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, 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 service users, and it is intended to establish a set of standards which reflect this, and which are achievable within an Angus context.

The standards to which this report refers constitute a first step in this regard. These are specific to the care group and model of care proposed, and address the issues relating to that model of care and the services being provided by the applicants (Gowrie Housing Association), the Social Work Department, and the National Health Service Trusts.

The standards have been the focus of in-depth consultation with the Housing Association and Tayside Health Board.

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. Gowrie Housing Association and Tayside Health Board have also been consulted.

6 CONCLUSION

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

Gowrie Housing Association and, progressively, other providers of care (including Angus Council) will work to specific standards, rather than the all-encompassing document which currently contains the core registration 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.

