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ANGUS MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY- DELIVERY OF STRUCTURED DAY SERVICES

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposals for the reconfiguration of structured day services for adults with mental health needs and proposes amendments to the staffing establishment of the Day Access in Rural Angus (DARA) project.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:

- I. approves the reconfiguration of day services;
- II. notes and approves the amendments to the staffing establishment for the DARA project;
- III. approves the virement needed to allocate the budget for this service to the Community Mental Health Teams for adults with mental health needs.

It is recommended that the Personnel and Property Services Committee:

- I. approves the deletion of the post no. 03/532 Senior Project Worker (AP6);
- II. approves the establishment of 1 post of Project Worker (AP4/5+1);
- III. approves the establishment of 1.25 full-time equivalent posts of Social Care Officer (SCP 16-23);
- IV. approves the deletion of post no. 03/539 Clerical Assistant (GS1/2).

It is recommended that the Finance and Information Technology Committee:

- I. approves the virement needed to allocate the budget for this service to the Community Mental Health Teams for adults with mental health needs.

2 INTRODUCTION

When the Angus Mental Health Strategy implementation plan was produced in May 1998, it was acknowledged that the model for the provision of day services required further detailed work. Structured day services for adults with mental health needs consist of two components – Angus Council's Day Access in Rural Angus (DARA) Project and the Occupational Therapy service at Sunnyside Hospital. The DARA project is part-funded by Mental Illness Specific Grant.

A working group has been looking at these day services and has submitted proposals to the Angus Joint Commissioning Group. These proposals were approved by the Joint Commissioning Group on 28 July 2000, subject to the staffing implications for Angus Council being reported to - and approved by -the relevant committees.

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the team leaders of the Community assume responsibility for the provision of structured day services Mental Health Teams for adults. This will mean that the provision of day services is targeted to support individuals with identified mental health needs. The support offered in this way will be integrated with the ongoing support offered by the Community Mental Health Teams. Similarly, the Occupational Therapy support will be delivered on a local basis, with staff being allocated to each team.

The current and proposed staffing establishment for the DARA Project is shown in Appendix 1.

It is proposed to delete the post of Senior Project Worker since the work of the project will become the responsibility of the Team Leaders in the Community Mental Health Teams.

It is proposed to establish an additional Project Worker post, and to increase the Social Care Officer establishment to 3.0 full-time equivalents.

The post of Clerical Assistant will be transferred to one of the Community Mental Health teams, where it will be funded by Resource Transfer. Consequently, the existing post within the DARA team can be deleted.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are detailed in Appendix 2. The proposals outlined in this report can be contained within the budget for the DARA project, with some additional funding from resource transfer. The non-staff costs of the project will be allocated and vired to each of the Community Mental Health teams on the basis of the number of full-time equivalent posts transferring to the team.

The day care activities of DARA will continue to be eligible for Mental Illness Specific Grant funding.

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

These proposals will enhance the integration of structured day services within the Mental Health Strategy and will continue the valuable service provided by the DARA project.

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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.

CURRENT STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT OF DARA PROJECT

Post Title	Grade	Whole time equivalents
Senior Project Worker	AP6	1.0
Project Worker	AP4/5+1	4.0
Social Care Officer	SCP 16-23	1.75
Clerical Assistant	GS1/2	1.0

PROPOSED STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT OF DARA PROJECT

Post Title	Grade	Whole time equivalents
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Arbroath/Carnoustie/Monifieth

Project Worker	AP4/5+1	2.0
Social Care Officer	SCP 16-23	1.0

Forfar/Kirriemuir/South West Angus

Project Worker	AP4/5+1	1.0
Social Care Officer	SCP 16-23	1.0

Brechin/Montrose

Project Worker	AP4/5+1	2.0
Social Care Officer	SCP 16-23	1.0

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	£'000	£'000
Additional costs		
Create 1 Project Worker	22	
Create 1.25 Social Care Officers	21	
	<u>43</u>	
Funded by:		
Delete Senior Project Worker		29
Clerical post funded from resource transfer		14
		<u>43</u>