

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE  
5 JUNE 2003

5<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON BRAIN INJURY  
STOCKHOLM

REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

**ABSTRACT**

This report informs the Social Work and Health Committee that the Team Leader of the Physical Disabilities Team has made a presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Brain Injury in Stockholm from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2003. An AO sized poster was used to provide information to describe the innovative work undertaken to review the vocational rehabilitation needs of adults with Acquired Brain Injury in Angus and improve outcomes.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Social Work and Health Committee:-

- i. notes the content of this report;
- ii. notes the production of a poster which was presented at the 5th World Congress on Brain Injury held in Stockholm during May 2003;
- iii. notes the attendance of the Team Leader for the Physical Disabilities Team at the Stockholm Congress, representing Angus Council Social Work.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

***Acquired Brain Injury and Employment in Angus***

A multi-professional working group was established in March 2002 by the community care planning group with responsibility for planning in relation to services for people with an acquired brain injury.

This working group was tasked with developing a framework for addressing the employment needs of people with an acquired brain injury. Very few people in the UK return to employment following acquired brain injury and this picture is reflected across Angus. The working party reviewed rehabilitation needs locally and developed an assessment tool to agree work readiness and intervention priorities.

**3 STOCKHOLM CONGRESS**

This assessment tool is believed to be the first of its kind in the UK and is an example of the way in which Angus Council Social Work in partnership with other agencies is providing a lead role in developing good practice. This was recognised by the organising committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Brain Injury and Angus Council Social Work was invited to present this work to other professionals from around the world at this congress in Stockholm.

The information about the approach being adopted in Angus to address the rehabilitation needs of people with an acquired brain injury was incorporated into a poster for the conference, and the social work team leader attended to provide more

details about the Angus approach to congress delegates. A copy of this poster as presented at the congress will be on display at the committee meeting.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of sending the Team Leader for Physical Disabilities to represent Angus Council Social Work at the 5th World Congress on Brain Injury was approximately £1,200 and this will be contained within the departmental revenue budget.

#### **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

#### **6 CONSULTATION**

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

#### **7 CONCLUSION**

This report provides the Social Work and Health Committee with evidence of our commitment to the continuous improvement of quality services that meet the long term rehabilitation needs of individuals and families affected by disability in Angus.

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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.