

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2000 (REFERRED TO POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 15 JUNE 2000)

PROPOSALS FOR THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF HEALTH SERVICE MONIES

Report by the Director of Social Work

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the allocation of health service monies to local authorities, present proposals on the utilisation of these funds and to seek approval to establish posts arising from the resources available.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The General Managers of Health Boards received a letter from the Scottish Executive in May 2000 setting out additional health resources for 2000-01. For the Ayrshire & Arran Health Board area the additional allocation was £4.334M. The letter indicated that the additional monies are required to ensure that :

- Services affected by peaks in demand, particularly during the winter, are better managed;
- In co-operation with other agencies such as local authorities the number of delayed discharges is minimised;
- Waiting lists and waiting time targets are consistently met; and
- Financial targets are met and no overspends are incurred.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The health service in Ayrshire developed proposals for the use of the £4.334M in conjunction with the three Ayrshire local authorities, in particular to address the issues of delayed discharges and potential winter pressures. In planning for the effective use of the resources three assumptions were made :
- i) admissions to acute hospital beds should be prevented where it is in the patient / service users best interests;
 - ii) discharges should be organised timeously with appropriate community health and social care services in place; and
 - iii) adequate funding is required for residential and nursing home admissions where it is no longer safe for a person to live at home.

3.2 Funding has been agreed, in principle, which will support all three aspects of service delivery:

- i) £100,000 in 2000/01 to the Primary Care (NHS) Trust to support the roll out of Integrated Care across Ayrshire. East Ayrshire will be in Phase 1. The money will be used for education and training and the allocation of devolved budgets to localities;
- ii) £300,000 for placements in residential and nursing homes across the three local authorities;
- iii) £135,000 for the social care costs of the development of a Rapid Response Team at Crosshouse Hospital to cover East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire Council areas. The aim of the Rapid Response Team is to prevent admission to an acute hospital bed for individuals who are assessed as requiring health and social care assistance for up to no more than 14 days or to support early discharge for individuals requiring up to 14 days support.

3.3 The resources allocated from the Scottish Executive are on a recurring basis dependent on the health service achieving its performance targets set out in para 2.1. Discussions with the 3 local authorities with the health service in Ayrshire is based on an agreement in principle that the monies allocated to local authorities is recurring. This agreement requires to be finalised.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Rapid Response Team is a multi-disciplinary team comprising, for example, physiotherapy, community nursing, hospital occupational therapist. The specific allocation to this authority will fund a variety of posts, including home care staff. The additional social care posts required in the team are:

Post / Salary Scale	Cost
1 Social Worker [£17322 - £22,083]	£31,281
1 Home Help Organiser [£17,322 - £19,224]	£21,781
1 Clerical Assistant [£8652 - £11,685]	<u>£12,121</u>
	£60,388
Advertising	£ 1,000
TOTAL	£61,388

4.2 The proposals set out within this report have been discussed and agreed with the relevant Trade Unions.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Although the total amount allocated is to be determined it will adequately cover the additional staff posts noted in Section 4 of the report. The total financial

costs of these posts will be met by a transfer of resources from the health service to the Council.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The development of the services outlined in the report are consistent with overall community care policy and consistent with the partnership approach developed between the Council and the health service to maintain people in the community and prevent inappropriate admission to hospital and residential or nursing home.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that Social Work Committee :
- i) Agree the proposals set out in this report and refer the staffing implications to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration;
 - ii) Request the Director of Finance to allocate the additional monies to the Health Board account of the Social Work budget, when finally determined; and
 - iii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

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List of Background Papers

Scottish Executive Letter – 2 May 2000 : Additional Health Resources 2000 – 01

AGENDA