

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 01 FEBRUARY 2001

MAJOR INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Social Work Committee of changes in the organisation of the Ayrshire Major Incident Support and Counselling response.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee, on 13 November 1997 [Item 8, Page 2684] noted the organisation of the Ayrshire Major Incident Support and Counselling Team, involving representatives from all three Ayrshire Councils, the Health Care Trusts, Strathclyde Police and voluntary organisations.

3 PLANNED CHANGES

- 3.1 Following the most recent re-organisation of Health Services, this service will be represented at the Co-ordinating Committee level by officers from the Health Board, the Medical Directorate and Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Service. Each Local Authority will be represented at the Co-ordinating Committee by officers from the Social Work sector and Emergency Planning. The Head of Resource Support, East Ayrshire, will continue to chair the Co-ordinating Committee. Representatives from the WRVS and local presbyteries are represented at the Co-ordinating Committee and the diocese will be contacted to check its potential involvement. Strathclyde Police will attend as required.
- 3.2 Local Liaison Teams will be re-established on local authority areas and training, based on lessons learned from the "Parallel Lines" emergency exercise, programmed for all Team members across Ayrshire.
- 3.3 To differentiate this emergency service from the mainstream psychology service, the service will be re-titled the Ayrshire Major Incident Support Team.

4 POLICY / LEGAL / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The provision of this service adds to the Council's ability to respond to an emergency, or major incident within Ayrshire.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Social Work Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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Director of Educational & Social Services
16 January, 2001

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA