

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 31 JANUARY 2002

ROSEBURN RESOURCE, CUMNOCK

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the leasing of the Roseburn Resource, Cumnock from Ayrshire and Arran Primary NHS Trust from 7 January 2002.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council is required to ensure that Day Care services for older people meet the New National Care Standards and can be registrable under the new Commission to Regulate Care. The Commission will come into effect from April 2002.

3. CURRENT DAY CARE PROVISION IN CUMNOCK

- 3.1 Day Care is an important component of a range of services which enables older people to remain in their own homes avoiding inappropriate admissions to long term care.
- 3.2 The Council currently leases Menzies Court Day Care facility in Cumnock from Bield Housing Association. Services to the Dementia Outreach Project, and frail elderly day care to older people from New Cumnock is also offered from there.
- 3.3 Both of these services will not fit registration due to the numbers of people attending and the space available in each location.
- 3.4 Day care attenders, who can express a view, are supportive of a move to Roseburn as they will have more space for activities.

4. ROSEBURN RESOURCE

- 4.1 The Roseburn Day Hospital is a purpose built day centre in the grounds of Holmhead Hospital. The new Day Care facility based in East Ayrshire Community Hospital in Cumnock has led to the closure of the Roseburn Day Hospital, which has been offered to the Council by the Primary Trust on a 3 year lease agreement.
- 4.2 Due to the size, and facilities available in the Roseburn Day Hospital, it can meet registration standards and can accommodate the existing users from both Menzies Court and Affleck House. The resource will be able to provide flexible day care services over 7 days a week for up to 22 service users a session. This will enable the day care service to be expanded eventually by up to 50 places a week.

5. TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 Whilst in the process of developing Roseburn as a day care base a temporary arrangement was required from staff for the Dalsalloch base. Consequently, Roseburn is temporarily accommodating some community care staff whilst alternative options are being considered. This arrangement will not interfere with the proposals to offer day care services later this year and the legal/leasing arrangements have been addressed through the scheme of delegation.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 As the annual cost to lease Roseburn is the same as that to lease Menzies Court, there are no financial implication for the Council. In addition, the Adult Service Unit is likely to take over the lease of Menzies Court and will absorb costs whilst simultaneously improving the quality of support services to people with disabilities.
- 6.2 The lease agreement for Roseburn will require the Primary Trust to pay for repairs and upkeep of the building. Prior to the full occupation some upgrading will be carried out by the Primary Care Trust to remove the medical aspects of the Day Hospital to reflect the social, rather than health aspects of the Day Care Services. The cost of this can be accommodated within existing funds within the Day Care budget of the Older Peoples Service Unit.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Staff employed within Menzies Court and the day care worker in Affleck House will transfer to Roseburn and no additional staffing costs will be required to meet existing levels of service.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Council's Property Department have been involved in drawing up the lease agreement and have approved the contents of the lease.

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1 The proposed move will enhance service provision within a larger building. There will be an increase in the number of day attenders, thus meeting more peoples' needs. The service will also meet the required registration standards and comply with the National Day Care Standards to be introduced from 1 April 2002.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 It is recommended that Committee :-

(i) note the leasing of the Roseburn Centre for 3 years from 7 January 2002.

John Mulgrew
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

National Care Standards for Day Care Services for Older People

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AGENDA