

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 23 MAY 2002

OLDER PEOPLE IN CARE HOMES IN EAST AYRSHIRE WHO ARE FUNDED BY OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for East Ayrshire Educational and Social Services Department to charge other Local Authorities for undertaking reviews on their behalf for older people in care homes in East Ayrshire.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Within East Ayrshire Council's boundary there are over 800 places in care homes with East Ayrshire residents occupying approximately half of these places. Other Local Authorities take up the other half and place individuals from their area within these homes. This reflects client choice. They then arrange payment to the providers for delivering care.
- 2.2 Officers from these Local Authorities usually carry out the initial review 4 weeks after admission to determine whether the placement in the care home meets the persons needs. However, once this is established they sometimes request that East Ayrshire Council staff undertake, and attend, future reviews.
- 2.3 A review involves preparation, administration, assessment and attendance.
- 2.4 Whilst this arrangement is often necessary due to the distance from the other Local Authority, such requests have become increasingly more frequent.

3. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT

- 3.1 Other Local Authorities have started to charge for review arrangements and have asked what our charges are to undertake reviews on their behalf.
- 3.2 There is a Review Co-ordinator within our existing establishment. As a review takes around 3hrs 30mins of work, and there are usually 2 reviews a year, it is proposed to charge another Local Authority £100 per resident for undertaking this task. This is in line with the charge set by other Local Authorities. There will be no charge to service users or their families.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Review Co-ordinator is already employed at AP4/5 grade. The increase in workload in respect of these requests would not be significant at this time, as they are currently undertaking such reviews for other Local Authorities without payment.

4.2 There has however been an increase in the Review Co-ordinators workload due to the transfer of DSS Preserved Rights responsibilities to the Council. This is subject to a separate report to the Committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The revenue brought into the Council is likely to be around £1,000 per annum and probably is on a similar footing to other Local Authorities.

6. POLICY/LLEGAL

6.1 Reviews of publicly funded residents are undertaken in accordance with National Policy.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) agree the charges outlined in 3.2,
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND REPORTS

Nil

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AGENDA