

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 11 SEPTEMBER 2003**

#### **ENHANCEMENT OF DAY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

##### **Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the enhancement of day support services for older people.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council provides day supports for older people in 12 locations across East Ayrshire from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.
- 2.2 Day support services form part of the packages of care which enable older people to remain at home. They can also form part of a package of care which can prevent an unnecessary hospital admission, or facilitate a discharge from hospital.

#### **3. DELAYED DISCHARGE ACTION PLAN**

- 3.1 Local Partnership groups have been formed across Scotland to look at issues relating to people who experience a delay in their discharge from hospital when they no longer require medical care. As part of the Scottish Executives commitment to reducing the number of people experiencing a delay in their discharge, they have made money available to Local Partnership Groups who develop appropriate action plans to address local needs.
- 3.2 As the current day support services operated by the Council only operate Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, there can be occasions when evening and weekend services are required to meet people's needs. A proposal was made by East Ayrshire Council to meet this demand through the enhancement of current services, and this has now been approved by the Scottish Executive as part of the Delayed Discharge Action Plan for Ayrshire and Arran.

#### **4. PROPOSAL SERVICE**

- 4.1 It is therefore proposed to open Roseburn Day Centre in Cumnock and Rowallan Day Centre in Kilmarnock on a Saturday, and provide an evening service from 5.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.; 2 days a week in Roseburn and 3 days a week in Rowallan.
- 4.2 The costs associated with staffing, transport, meals and utility costs can be met from the money allocated to Health to ensure speedy hospital discharge when appropriate.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Scottish Executive has agreed to make £48,000 available on a recurring basis per annum to fund the enhancement of our day services.

## **6. PERSONAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Additional day support staff will be required to deliver this new service. Their qualifications will need to meet the requirements of the new Commission to Regulate Care.
- 6.2 Trade Unions have been consulted and support the proposal.

## **7. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The enhancement of day support services to be a more flexible meets the policy objectives of Care in the Community.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- (i) agree to the enhancement of the service as outlined in Section 4.1;
  - (ii) refer the staff implications to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration; and
  - (iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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