

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE: 1 FEBRUARY 2001

REPORT ON BALLOCHMYLE CLOSURE - RESOURCE TRANSFER

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the proposed allocation of Resource Transfer to East Ayrshire Council following the closure of Ballochmyle Hospital.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On August 1st 2000 the new community hospital in Cumnock was opened. This was followed by the closure of Ballochmyle Hospital in Catrine with the subsequent loss of seventeen continuing care frail elderly beds.
- 2.2 As any closures of long term beds occur, resources are required to be transferred to Local Authorities and to the Primary Trust for the provision of alternative services.

3. PROPOSED RESOURCE TRANSFER

- 3.1 Following extensive negotiation between the three Ayrshire Authorities and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board agreement has been reached as to the allocation of Resource Transfer for East Ayrshire Council following the closure of the beds in 2000/2001. The part year costs from 1st August 2000 would be £55,647 and the full year allocation for 2001/2002 would be £83,470.
- 3.2 All Local Authorities are required to advise the Health Board as to the usage of resource transfer monies and submit a report annually to the Health Board. As there were four individuals who had been assessed as requiring residential or nursing care in Ballochmyle from East Ayrshire at the time of the closure, it was agreed that these individuals' needs would be best met by a move to either residential or nursing home care. One of the individuals' has since died: the three remaining individuals requiring a total of £18,992 to fund their care in 2000/2001.
- 3.3 In 2001/2002 the Council will require £27,129 to fund their care for the full year. The remainder of the money will be used to further develop community supports at Ellisland Court, Mauchline and home-based supports to individuals to enable them to remain in their own homes.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The table below illustrates the allocation of resources and proposed services.

Service	2000/2001	2001/2002
Support to 3 individuals in care (The fourth person died)	£18,992	£27,129
Admission of a further 3 individuals to care	£7,000	NIL (Take from CET)
Running costs for Ellisland Court Day Care in Mauchline	NIL	£25,000
Additional support services to enable older people to remain at home	£29,655	£31,341
TOTAL	£55,647	£83,470

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposals for the use of the resource transfer money are consistent with the Modernising Community Care: An Action Plan, The Joint Community Care Plan 1998-2001 and support Council policy and commitment to enabling individuals to remain in their own homes with individualised care plans for as long as it is safe and reasonable to do so.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Council is required to submit to the Health Board on an annual basis how it used the resource transfer money to support frail older people and this report will be submitted along with all other reports using the agreed mechanisms and proformas

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 To enable the expansion of Day Care services in Mauchline and Catrine, and provide the additional services required, two 17.5 hour/week Day Care Workers [at grade GS2] will require to be appointed from April 200,1 at an annual cost of £14,456. The establishment of these posts is referred to the Personnel & Property Sub Committee for approval.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- (i) agree to the transfer of resources as detailed in section 4;
- (ii) add the additional resources noted in Section 4 of the report to the annual revenue budget, in 2000/01 and 2001/02 and instruct the Director of Finance to invoice the Health Board on an annual basis for the agreed amounts
- (iii) refer the establishment of additional Day Care Workers to the Personnel & Property Sub Committee for approval; and
- (iv) otherwise note the content of this report.

John Mulgrew
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8 January 2001
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LIST OF BACKGROUND REPORTS

- (i) Modernising Community Care – An Action Plan
- (ii) Joint Community Care Plan 1998-2001

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AGENDA