

7 VOLUNTEER DRIVERS MILEAGE RATE (AN179-2006)

The Social Work Department relies on the assistance of volunteer drivers to carry out some of its functions. The mileage rate paid to these volunteers has remained unchanged while motoring costs have risen. As a result some volunteers have stopped their involvement with the Department, resulting in increased costs to pay staff to undertake transporting duties and loss of the valued additional contact that volunteers provide for service users.

In order to reverse this trend, it is recommended that the mileage rate payable to volunteer drivers be increased from 34p to 40p per mile, with effect from 1st June, 2006. The costs of this recommendation can be met from the Social Work Department 2006/2007 revenue budget.