

6 ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK – ANNUAL TRAVEL AWARD (AN303-2003)

The Committee is asked to note the achievement of Rose Sinclair, Social Worker in the Integrated Groupwork Team and her colleague, Maureen Gurmin, a Social Worker employed by NCH in winning the ADSW Annual Travel Award. The Travel Award is made by the Association of Directors of Social Work and award winners are provided with financial support to visit another country to learn more about international practice in their chosen study area.

Rose and Maureen are both members of the Integrated Groupwork Team, based within the Criminal Justice Social Work Service in Dundee. The team is a partnership between Dundee City Council and NCH and provides a range of offending behaviour programmes. They submitted a very interesting application which outlined the current approach to domestic abuse work, including work with victims and which highlighted a number of areas of interest which they would like to develop further through a visit to services in Canada. The areas of interest included:-

- programmes undertaken with perpetrators;
- services to victims of domestic abuse;
- evaluation methods;
- tools for measuring change;
- risk assessment tools;
- innovative projects working in the field.

Rose and Maureen received their award on 22nd May at the Annual Conference of the Association of Directors of Social Work and are planning to visit services in Ontario, Canada later this year.