7 DIRECT PAYMENTS AND FREE PERSONAL CARE – REVISION OF RATES (AN321-2004)

Since 1st June, 2003 the Council has had a duty to make available Direct Payments which allow people to receive money from the Social Work Department to arrange and purchase their own services to meet their assessed needs.

Furthermore, since 1st July, 2002 free personal care has been available to people aged 65 and over, including those who make their own arrangements to procure their care service.

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee agrees that the undernoted rates be used to calculate the value of a Direct Payment, and also when calculating the contribution an individual should make towards the cost of their service.

It is further recommended that the undernoted Social Care Support rates be used to calculate the value of personal care provision where the service user has made their own arrangements to procure this provision.

These rates will take effect from 1st August, 2004.

Practical Support £7.46 per hour

Social Care Support

(a) Service procured through a provider holding a block contract with Dundee City Council – rate equivalent to the contract rate paid to that provider by Dundee City Council.

(b) Service provided through any other provider or by employment of a Personal Assistant – rate £10.00 per hour.