

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 18 June 2001

REPORT ON: CHARGES AND RATES OF PAYMENT FOR RESPITE CARE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 401-2001

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report proposes a standard payment to carers for respite accommodation provided under the 'Home From Home' scheme.

The report also proposes the charge to be levied on users of all respite care services.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

- a) Approves a standard payment of £145 per week to carers supplying respite care to older people in their own homes. (£140 per week in 2000/01).
- b) Approves a charge of £55.50 per week (£53.40 in 2000/01) for respite care of up to 8 weeks in total within the financial year plus £63.30 per week (£61.30 in 2000/01) where the service user is in receipt of residential allowance. (See 6.2)
- c) Instructs the Director of Social Work to undertake a review of charging policy for respite care during 2001/02.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of implementing the above recommendations will be met within the 2001/02 revenue budget.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Respite care is provided in a variety of ways as part of a range of community care services.

Home From Home

Home From Home is a respite care scheme for older people who receive care provided in the family home of a carer assessed and trained by the Social Work Department.

Residential Respite Care

Respite care in residential homes for older people will continue to provide a crucial support service to families and carers of vulnerable older people.

Respite In Nursing Homes

Respite places in nursing homes will continue to be purchased on an individual basis, to enable older people and younger adults who require nursing care to continue to remain in the community with their family's support.

Respite Care at Home

Respite care is increasingly being provided in the service user's home, particularly for people with dementia. The need for this type of care is likely to continue to increase in line with the recommendations of the report of the Joint Future Group.

- 6.2 For placements in independent sector residential and nursing homes, the resident may claim the residential allowance of £63.30 per week. This allowance is not available to those receiving respite care in local authority homes. Where this allowance is payable, the weekly charge would be increased by this amount to £118.80.
- 6.3 Increasingly, respite care is being provided in ways other than the traditional nursing and residential home setting. The current charging policy, however, still reflects this residential background.

To take account of the charging nature of respite provision, and to ensure consistency with charging policies for other social work services, it is proposed that a review of charging for respite care be undertaken during 2001/02.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Director of Support Services and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

9 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work

Date

6 June 2001