

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 17 December 2001

**REPORT ON: DOUGLAS HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE
TEMPORARY USE BY NHS TAYSIDE**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 812-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the granting of the temporary use of Douglas House Residential Home for Older People as an NHS facility for the duration of the Scottish Executive's Winter Planning arrangements

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee :-

- 2.1 Approves the temporary use of Douglas House as an NHS facility;
- 2.2 Notes that all placements within these premises will terminate by 31 March 2002
- 2.2 Agrees to defer disposal of the premises until after 31 March 2002
- 2.3 Agrees to the temporary use of council equipment which remains within the premises;
- 2.4 Notes the arrangements to support this facility.
- 2.5 Remits the Director of Support Services to conclude leasing arrangements with NHS Tayside for use of this facility.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The proposed arrangements will be funded by the NHS.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

The proposed arrangements ensure that the needs of older people and their carers can be met within the city rather than having to consider placements outwith the council boundaries and away from family and friends.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 NHS Tayside have proposed as part of their Winter Planning contingency arrangements that the premises at Douglas House Residential Home be made available for use as an NHS ward. The use of the premise will allow the added availability to the NHS of up to 36 bed places to help manage any additional demand arising from increased referrals to Ninewells over the winter period.

- 6.2 The premises are seen to be the most suitable which are currently available within the city boundaries.
- 6.3 NHS Tayside will be providing all the care required on site and there is no requirement to register these premises as they will be, in effect, an NHS ward. It is intended to free up to 36 beds in the acute sector as a result of this initiative.
- 6.4 The city council has supported arrangements for ancillary services such as meals and domestic to be put in place through Tayside Contracts. These will be paid for by the NHS winter contingency funding.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Director of Finance and NHS Tayside have been consulted about this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

9.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work

Date

6 December 2001