

4. PAYMENT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION - PAMIS (AN 24-2006)

PAMIS (Partnership with People with Profound Learning Disabilities and their Carers) provide an advice, information, training and support service to families caring for individuals with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).

The organisation works across Tayside, with a focus of activity in Dundee. PAMIS is also one of the organisations which form part of the national SCLD (Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability) group, supported by the Scottish Executive. As such it can bring a national perspective to service delivery and future planning.

In Dundee PAMIS is active in support of families who use the White Top Centre and is central in delivering on the outcomes detailed in the Dundee Partnership in Practice agreement to people with PMLD.

PAMIS has applied to the three Tayside local authorities including Dundee City Council for funding of £15,000 per local authority per year. This has been paid for in the past from the Section 10 budget in Social Work. A service level agreement has been drafted with PAMIS to specify the services they provide. This will ensure that in future years funding to PAMIS will be considered as part of the overall allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in return for services provided.

For 2005/06, £15,000 has been identified in the Partnership in Practice (PIP) Change Fund budget to pay PAMIS.

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee approve the payment to PAMIS of £15,000 in for 2005/06. This cost will be met from the Partnership in Practice Change Fund allocation within the Social Work revenue budget.