

**7 SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - FIELDWORK CARE AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES -
STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS (AN37-2005)**

Reference is made to Article 1 of the minute of this Committee of 8 December 2003 whereby approval was given for the payment of the equivalent of two additional increments to appropriately qualified staff carrying out key duties in relation to mental health, child protection and practice teaching on an interim basis pending the outcome of a review of fieldwork care and assessment services.

As a result of continuing this review, the Assistant Chief Executive (Management) and Director of Social Work request approval to extend interim payment arrangements until the end of June 2005, pending the outcome of the review.

The anticipated additional costs of the interim payments for a further period are £16,000. These costs will be met from the Social Work Revenue Budget.