

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE
REPORT ON: CHARGES AND RATES OF PAYMENT FOR RESPITE CARE
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK
REPORT NO: 290-2000

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 £140 per week to carers supplying respite care to older people in their own homes. (£108 per week in 1999/2000)
- b) Approves a charge of £53.40 per week (£51.35 in 1999/2000) for respite care of up to 8 weeks in total within the financial year 2000/2001 plus £61.30 per week (£59.40 in 1999/2000) where the service user is in receipt of residential allowance. (See 6.2)

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of implementing the above recommendations will be met within the 2000/2001 revenue budget.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL 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.

There have recently been difficulties in recruiting carers for this scheme, due to the relatively low level of fee offered. It is therefore proposed that the fee be increased significantly to attract more carers. The recommended fee is equivalent to that paid by neighbouring councils. The cost of this will be contained within existing respite care budgets.

Residential Respite Care

Respite care in residential units 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.

- 6.2 For placements in independent sector residential and nursing homes, the resident may claim the residential allowance of £61.30 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 from £110.75 to £114.70.

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