

Report

Report to: **Social Work Resources Committee**
Date of Meeting: **3 May 2006**
Report by: **Executive Director (Social Work Resources)**
Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject: **Transition Planning - Children's Services to Adult Services**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek Committee approval for the establishment of a dedicated occupational Therapy Post to enhance transitional planning between children's services and adult services.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a post of Occupational Therapist SCP46 – SCP80 be established.

3. Background

- 3.1. As part of the recent Review of Child Health Services across NHS Lanarkshire (2003), there was a recommendation that transitional planning arrangements between children's services and adult services should be strengthened, particularly in relation to children and young people with a disability and children with additional support needs.
- 3.2. Discussions between partner agencies through the Additional Support Needs Sub Group of the Children's Services Planning process have resulted in transitional planning being identified as a key service improvement target.
- 3.3. At a national level, For Scotland's Children – Better Integrated Children's Services (2001), the Additional Support for Learning act (2004) and updated guidance for Changing Children's Services Funding (2004) have identified this area as a high priority for Local Authorities and their Partners.
- 3.4. The development and roll-out of an Integrated Assessment Framework is a key priority for the next three years within Children's Services. Children and young people with disabilities is one of several groups of vulnerable children who will benefit from a more coherent assessment process and the agreed actions which required to be delivered from the assessment.

4. Proposed Developments

- 4.1. Recruit a dedicated Occupational Therapy resource for children and young people with a disability to deliver the following objectives:
- Improve service integration between Social Work, Education (Specialist Services) and Health (Paediatric Services) in the areas of transition planning, assessment and care management and the promotion of independent living for young people with a disability
 - Improve and enhance the value of the existing Community Occupational Therapy Service through the provision of training, development, linking and liaison across agencies
 - Improved awareness of Occupational Therapy function and its value in providing dedicated services to children and young people with a disability
 - Delivery of statutory requirement via the Additional Support for Learning Act and Integrated Assessment Framework for Children's Services

5. Employee Implications

5.1.

Post	Number	SCP	Rate per Hour	Annual Salary	Gross Costs	Total Cost
Occupational Therapist	1	46-80	£10.81 - £17.93	£19,727 - £32,720	£25,250- £38,331	£25,250- £38,331

- 5.2. The costs stated above include the effects of Superannuation and National Insurance, travel and associated costs.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. This post will be funded from a £30,000 allocation from Changing Children's Services Funding which has already been agreed by partner agencies and a £9,000 budget contribution from Social Work Adult Services.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Consultation has taken place within the Children's Services Planning process, the Additional Support Needs Sub Group and the Child Health Review Steering Group.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Safe and Healthy Communities

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- Integrated Children's Services Plan 2005 – 2008
- Child Health Review Recommendations (2003)
- Changing Children's Services Funding Guidance (2004)
- Additional Support for Learning Act 2004

Contact for Further Information

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