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Report to:	Social Work Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 October 2007
Report by:	Executive Director (Social Work Resources)

Subject:	State Hospital Social Work Service Review of Service and Service Level Agreement 2007/ 2010
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Inform Committee of the recent review of the State Hospital Social Work Service and the proposed Service Level Agreement to continue to provide the Social Work Service for the State Hospitals Board for Scotland for 2007 – 2010.
- ◆ Inform the Committee of the recent revision of management posts within the State Hospital Social Work Service including the creation of a full time Care Programme Approach Manager.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the renewal of the Service Level Agreement to provide the Social Work Service for the State Hospitals Board for Scotland be noted

3. Background

- 3.1 The State Hospitals Board for Scotland is a national service that provides forensic mental health assessment and care and treatment in conditions of special security for Scotland and Northern Ireland. It is a Special Health Board accountable to Scottish Ministers.
- 3.2 The State Hospitals Board for Scotland fully fund the cost of the Social Work Service.
- 3.3 Since 1996 South Lanarkshire Council has provided the Social Work Service for the State Hospital.
- 3.4 In 2003 The State Hospitals Board for Scotland negotiated a Service Level Agreement with South Lanarkshire Council for the provision of social work services for patients and carers.
- 3.5 The agreement included a requirement to formally review the operation and performance of the service.

4. Review of State Hospital Social Work Service

4.1 A review of the State Hospital Social Work Service was completed in 2006 from which the following actions were agreed:

- Review the management posts within the State Hospital Social Work Service
- Identify the core activities and performance reporting mechanisms to be incorporated into a proposed Service Level Agreement for 2007 – 2010.

4.2 In 2007 revised job profiles were agreed for the Team Manager and Team Leader posts, to take account of the increased workforce and range of responsibilities identified in the review.

4.3 The job profile for a full time Care Programme Approach Manager for the State Hospital was also agreed.

4.4 A Service Level Agreement for the continuing provision of the Social Work Service for the period 2007 - 2010 has now been prepared and agreed in principle.

5. Employee Implications

5.1 None

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The full staffing costs for the State Hospital Social Work Service are met by the State Hospitals Board for Scotland under the terms of the Service Level Agreement.

7. Other Implications

7.1 None.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1 Consultation has been undertaken in terms of the renewal of the Service Level Agreement.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

Healthy and safe communities

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

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