

Report to:	<b>Social Work Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>22 August 2007</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Social Work Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Tender for Home Support, Day and Evening Activities and Crisis Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ To seek approval to enter into a tender process to provide Home Support, Day and Evening Activities and Crisis Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems
- ◆ To seek authority to invite tenders from suitable providers and award the contract to the successful tenderers

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) is authorised to undertake a tender process for Home Support, Day and Evening Activities and Crisis Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems
- (2) that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, is authorised to enter into contractual legal formalities with the successful tenderers

## 3. Background

3.1. Between November 2005 and April 2007 two pilot services were undertaken to examine the effectiveness of the provision of a crisis service for Adults with Mental Health Problems. The Crisis Pilots were delivered by the Scottish Association for Mental Health in the East Kilbride/Strathaven area and by Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health in the Clydesdale, Larkhall and Stonehouse areas.

3.2. The evaluation of both pilot services concluded that there was no substantive clear need for a ring-fenced crisis service but proposed the requirement for a combined service which offers crisis intervention, prevention and intensive out of hours support by extending the existing home support and day services to 10pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 10pm Saturdays and Sundays. The extended services would continue to target those with severe mental illness and complex needs whilst also having the residual capacity to respond to the wider wellbeing group within service limitations.

#### **4. Current Position**

- 4.1. There are four independent providers across the Council area which deliver Home Support and Day Activities Services to Adults with Mental Health Problems, as detailed below:-

Project	Geographical Area	Provider
Connect	Hamilton	The Richmond Fellowship Scotland
Loretto, Blantyre	Blantyre	Loretto Housing Association
GAMH	Rutherglen and Cambuslang	Glasgow Association for Mental Health
Source	Clydesdale, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health

#### **5. Remodelled Services**

- 5.1. It is proposed that the number of projects is reduced to three with the tender process appointing providers to deliver services in three areas, namely: - Rutherglen/Cambuslang, Hamilton/Blantyre and Clydesdale, Larkhall and Stonehouse.
- 5.2. The tender will result in Home Support and Day activities services being extended until 10pm, 7 days a week and include the ability to respond to crisis situations.
- 5.3. Home Support and Day Activities from the East Kilbride and Strathaven areas are currently provided directly by Social Work Resources through the Network Service. The operational arrangements of the in-house service will also be reviewed.

#### **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The cost of the service will be determined by the outcome of the tender process and will be met from existing budgets.

#### **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The tender will be a restricted process in line with Part 3, Regulation 16 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. A contract notice will be placed in the Official Journal of the European Union as required by the terms of the regulations.

#### **9. Consultation**

- 9.1. Discussion has taken place with health colleagues in Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Boards respectively.

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**Link(s) to Council Objectives**

The proposal links to the themes and objectives of the Council as follows:

- Creating successful communities, living in the community, supporting our communities, learning in the community, modernising services and resource management.

**Previous References**

None

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Contact for Further Information**

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