

# Report

Report to:	<b>Social Work Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>15 November 2006</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Social Work Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>PAMIS (Promoting A More Inclusive Society)</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise the Committee of the range of work undertaken by PAMIS in South Lanarkshire in providing support to children and adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities, their families and carers, and professionals working with them.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the work undertaken by PAMIS in South Lanarkshire in providing support to children and adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities, their families and carers, and professionals working with them be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. PAMIS (Promoting A More Inclusive Society) is a registered charity and has been operating in South Lanarkshire since 2004. PAMIS is funded by the Scottish Executive Change Fund money for learning disability services.
- 3.2. PAMIS provides an information and support service to families caring at home for a child or adult with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). This service supports families on housing issues; in finding appropriate advice on sleep or epilepsy issues; information on legal issues such as wills, trusts and guardianship.
- 3.3. A number of themes have been explored through a series of training workshops for families, ranging from general health, legal issues, direct payments and the Independent Living Fund. There was a 3 day event on supported living which examined the role of Social Work Resources.
- 3.4. PAMIS have inaugurated Special Interest Group sessions to develop opportunities for information sharing, mutual support, informing and influencing service providers to ensure better provision and access to services. PAMIS also have a significant role in campaigning for more accessible personal care facilities through the 'Changing Places Campaign'.
- 3.5. Partnership working with the statutory and voluntary sectors is central to the organisation's working strategy and PAMIS have membership on a number of national and South Lanarkshire wide working groups.

- 3.6. South Lanarkshire Council Adult Services are working with PAMIS in a pilot project looking at the provision of Personal Communication Passports for service users with communication difficulties.
- 3.7. The PAMIS Healthy Lifestyles project is looking at the physical and mental health needs of carers and those cared for. This initiative is seeking to address the barriers people with profound and multiple learning disabilities face in accessing health or leisure opportunities. A development worker is employed and supervised by the PAMIS local co-ordinator.
- 3.8. The development worker will be responsible for publicising the project and identifying potential participants. Workshop tutors will be identified from South Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Leisure and NHS Lanarkshire. The development worker will plan, run and evaluate workshops for family carers and health/leisure events for the whole family. It is important that they liaise and develop services with day services, schools and other relevant professionals to raise awareness of issues for people with PMLD accessing resources.
- 4. Employee Implications**
  - 4.1. None associated with this report.
- 5. Financial Implications**
  - 5.1. None associated with this report.
- 6. Other Implications**
  - 6.1. None
- 7. Consultation**
  - 1.1. Consultation with and encouraging active participation of carers is a key working principle of PAMIS

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**Link(s) to Council Objectives**

South Lanarkshire Council Forecast 2003-2007

- Creating Successful Communities
- Supporting Our Communities

**Previous References**

Social Work Resources Committee 28 June 2006

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Contact for Further Information**

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