

# Report



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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides information on decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Social Services, and the Director of Social Services or other nominated Officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member under the powers conferred by the scheme of delegation by the County Council.

#### 2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The scheme of delegation to Officers provides for the Director of Social Services, or other nominated Officers in the Social Services Department, to make a range of decisions in defined circumstances. All of these decisions are subject to specific consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Services and are discussed at regular meetings between the Director and Cabinet Member.

- 2.2 In July 2003, the Select Committee agreed not to have detail of every delegated decision, but agreed to be provided with detail of some decisions that could be technically "Called in" (at the time), to give a flavour of the significant decisions being taken by the Cabinet Member, and the Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member under delegated powers. Decisions taken between the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2003 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2004 are summarised below:

- (a) Partnership Agreement – Integrated Community Equipment Service in South Nottinghamshire (SS/2003/00160)

Approval was given for a Partnership Agreement for the integration of community equipment services (ICES) between Health and Social Services across Rushcliffe, Gedling, Broxtowe and Hucknall and the City.

(b) **The Implementation of the Single Assessment Process in Nottinghamshire (SS/2003/00169)**

Approval has been given to:

- (i) development of the shared “data warehouse” with local NHS organisations in which summary information about the service user and their assessment can be viewed by other organisations with the appropriate service user consent framework
- (ii) development of a local overview assessment “tool” to be employed across Health and Social Care agencies in the City and County
- (iii) the continued development of the learning from “pathfinder” schemes such as Gedling which have reinforced the value of more integrated arrangements with PCTs to achieve effective assessment and care planning.

(c) **Establishment of Social Work and Other posts at City Hospital and Queens Medical Centre (SS/2003/00170)**

Approval has been given for the establishment of additional social work and other posts at the Queens Medical Centre and the City Hospital, to consolidate and enhance assessment and commissioning capacity within the social work teams in response to the Community Care (Delayed Discharge) Act 2003, in order to assist effective and speedy discharge and relieve social work staff of more routine tasks.

(d) **Approval to Pay Grants to Voluntary Organisations (SS/2004/00016)**

Approval has been given for a payment of £5,000 each to Worksop Live at Home Scheme and Do You Need a Hand.

The Worksop Live at Home scheme was established in 1994 to provide emotional and practical support to older people aged 60+ living on their own in isolated parts of West Bassetlaw.

The Do You Need a Hand scheme was established in Bassetlaw during the summer of 2003 and provides a Handy Persons Scheme to carry out minor repairs, fix security devices and other such tasks.

2.3 The decisions in the report and listed as background papers, are published on the Intranet and Internet and can be accessed through the following e-mail address:

<http://itmail01b.nottscc.gov.uk/apps/ncc/declogs/deldecres.nsf>.

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 It is recommended that the Social Services Standing Select Committee note this report.

**4. Background Papers Available for Inspection**

4.1 Delegated Decision reports: **SS/2003/00160, SS/2003/00169, SS/2003/00170** and **SS/2004/00016**.

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