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**APPLICATION TO LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP  
DRUGS INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY  
DRUG ACTION TEAM AND ABERLOUR CHILD CARE TRUST.**

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Education Committee about the successful outcome of the Council's bid against the Lloyds TSB Foundation Partnership Drugs Initiative in partnership with the Aberlour Child Care Trust.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Lloyds TSB Drugs Partnership Initiative was established in 2001 with funding from Lloyds TSB and the Scottish Executive. Funding is available for projects targeted at vulnerable young people at highest risk from drug related problems and includes :
- children and young people in families in which parents misuse drugs;
  - pre-teenage children who are at higher risk of developing problem substance misuse;
  - young people who are developing or who have established problems of substance misuse.
- 2.2. Bids were invited by Lloyds TSB to be submitted by the local authorities' Drug Action Teams (DAT) in partnership with a voluntary sector provider. Initial discussions took place between DAT and the Aberlour Child Care Trust which runs the Crannog Service in Dumfries & Galloway for young people at risk of exclusion from school or at risk of residential placement. Crannog is jointly funded by Dumfries & Galloway Council's Education and Social Services departments. A bid was submitted against the current round of funding within the allowed timeframe of March 2002.

**3. The Service**

- 3.1 The bid proposal concerns substance misuse work with vulnerable young people and includes provision for direct practice with service users, research, training and the development of inter-agency systems and working. The project will link together local need, current service planning and the existing local infrastructure of Aberlour's Crannog Service.
- 3.2 This initiative represents a new area of service development in Dumfries & Galloway for the Aberlour Child Care Trust. The new service will build on the successful work of the Crannog project and for the first time provide services for older adolescents in the 16-18 year age group. The service will work closely with other related initiatives including the Youth Justice and Leaving Care projects.

- 3.3 The award of £174K over 2 years is one of Lloyds TSB largest awards and will allow the employment of two specialist practitioners and a development officer to provide a range of services for vulnerable young people. The target group will include young people living in residential or foster care within the authority as well as those still at home. A copy of the bid is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 3.4 Members have already been informed of the successful bid against the Changing Children's Services Fund which provided funding to establish a Substance Misuse Service in Stranraer. It is anticipated that the new service funded through the Lloyds TSB foundation will start in August 2002 and offer substance misuse support services to vulnerable children and young people in the central and eastern districts of the Authority and will in association with the Substance Misuse Service in Stranraer enable a comprehensive provision for this vulnerable client group, across Dumfries and Galloway.

#### **4 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the successful outcome of the bid by the Aberlour Child Care Trust against the Lloyds TSB Foundation Partnership Drug Initiative.
- 4.2 Members will be kept informed of the progress of the project throughout its two year duration.

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**Background Papers:**

Changing Children's Services Fund : Resources to Tackle Drug Misuse Affecting Children and Young People – August 2001.