

Crossroads Care Attendants Scheme

Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9th August 1982 7.30 Eccles Library

Present Brenda Banning K Hyett Mary Gerahty Mrs Stryker P Holt
Mrs Owen Carol Veasey

Apologies Mary and Tony Stevenson L Tootell J Munro

1) Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

B Banning reported that she had contacted relatives who were interested but had been unable to attend this particular meeting as they were on holiday.

2) Geographical area to be covered

The representative from the Area Health Authority said they were currently researching on the Younger Disabled in Salford and statistics should be available by September 15th.

There were approximately 800 severely disabled registered in Salford and a significant number of them lived in the outer areas rather than the Inner City.

There was a long discussion on the area of Salford to be covered and the eventual decision made was not to limit the geographical areas but rather to look at the number of families to be helped with the highest priority regardless of domiciliary area. The emphasis being, therefore, the priority of carers in need.

3) Type of Disability

The group had originally considered only physical handicap as the area of need, but, subsequent to the presentation by Pat Osborne, felt that other handicaps should be considered. The point was made that the original decision was based on the original concept of Crossroads but on currently available experience after 5 years the inclusion of Mentally Handicapped did not obviously create any problems. The decision reached was that the Salford Crossroads Scheme should therefore cover multiple handicaps.

4) General Points to be made

- a) Emphasis of training by the carer.
- b) No age bars but that this group could not consider a scheme for those living alone.
- c) Mrs Holt felt there should be no overlap with the Home Help Service and was happy with the scheme as outlined.

5) Finance

Grants to be sought from two sources:

- a) Joint Funding Area Health Authority
- b) Inner Cities Local Authority

It was felt that the latter might be a long shot, but worth floating for information to councillors, who would subsequently be involved in prioritising for Joint Funding.

- a) This needed to be done quite quickly even if only on a one sheet draft level, so that the care planning teams of Mental Handicaps, Physical Handicaps, and elderly were aware of the idea.

Carol Veasey to prepare draft applications for consideration at the next meeting.

6) Venue for next meeting

If Eccles Library is not available, then Willowbank or St Georges.

