
DEATH IN SERVICE

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Cyndi Hughes,
Children and Young People Portfolio**

**Responsible Director -
Murray Rose, Director of People**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the recent Death in Service at the weekend of Sandra Holmes, a much valued colleague who was Registered Manager at Eldon Street Children's Home.

Information and Analysis

2. It is with great sadness that I have to inform Members of Sandra Holmes' death on 13 October 2013. She had been absent from work as a result of sickness since June. Sandra was 62 years old and started working for the Council in March 1999. Sandra was a well-respected member of Children's Services and will be greatly missed.
3. I have written to Sandra's family conveying the Council's sympathy; her manager, with Human Resources, are ensuring they receive appropriate advice and support.
4. Current and former residents at Eldon Street Children's Home are receiving support, where appropriate.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Cabinet note:-
 - (a) with great sadness the recent tragic and sudden death of Sandra Holmes a respected employee of the Council;
 - (b) the actions of the Council in conveying the sympathy to Sandra's family and the support offered from her manager and Human Resource services; and
 - (c) The actions taken to support young people affected by the sudden death of Sandra.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported to make Members aware of the recent death in service.

Murray Rose
Director of People

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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