Adult Social Care & Health

Annual Report 2010-2011









Bracknell





Welcome

Bracknell Forest Adult Social Care and Health write a report every year about what has been happening in services for adults.

This report says:

- What we wanted to do because it was most important
- How well we did it
- The difference that made to people's lives.
- What we will do next year

This is the report for 2010-2011.

When we decided what was important in how we supported people, we looked at:

- What the government says we should do
- What you said we should do.



To help us know how well we have done, we look at:

- What you said in our annual survey
- The information that the Department of Health asks us for

To help us provide good services, we work together with other people:

- The health service hospitals and community teams
- People in the private sector
- Voluntary groups
- Other people at the Council

We worked with the health services to make sure:

- That people only went to hospital if they had to
- That people can come home as soon as possible if they have to go into hospital.
- That people who have poor mental health get the right support to help them
- That staff in hospitals understand about keeping people safe
- That the money given to the Council for support for people with Learning Disabilities who used to live in Church Hill House was the right amount.

The government has said there are four main areas we need to look at. These are:

Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs - helping people to live life in the way they want to, so that they enjoy life

Promoting independence, delaying and reducing the need for care and support - helping people to do as much as they can for themselves, for as long as possible

Ensuring people have a positive experience of care and support - making sure that people who provide support are good at what they do

Safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting from avoidable harm – making sure that people who are old or disabled are not hurt or bullied in any way

There are four things that are very important to how we change the way we work and what will happen in the future. These are:

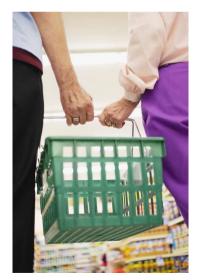
Personalisation

Personalisation in Adult Social Care is about giving each person choice and control over the support they get to help them in their life.

In Bracknell Forest we are working to make sure that everyone who receives support from us can have a Personal Budget. A personal budget is an amount of money, which the person can spend

on support they need to live their lives. People can choose to have the money themselves and arrange their own support or they can ask adult services to do this for them.

Personalisation has been working well. People have been able to make choices about how they are supported to live their lives, and they have chosen many different ways.



We keep working to make support better, and use the information that people give us about

- What has worked really well for them
- What things they wanted to do, but could not find, or make happen.

From October 2010, we will work with everybody in this way. This report has stories from people who have different sorts of support which has improved their lives.

Prevention and Early Intervention

It is much better for people if they keep themselves as healthy and as independent as possible. This means that they should not need support from Adult Social Care or Health services as soon as they might otherwise do.

We have worked on a number of ways that we can help people to keep themselves healthy and independent, and we have a service (Intermediate Care) that helps people to get fit again after they have been ill.

Working with others

There have been lots of changes in the health service, and so the Council has to change the ways that we work with health staff, to make sure that people in Bracknell Forest get the right kinds of

support. The Council and the health service will go on working together in a lot of different ways, including helping people to get out of hospital and go home as soon as possible.

As well as the health service, we need to work with a lot of other organisations such as:

- Organisations who provide support to people at home, or who run care homes
- Local charities and voluntary organisations,
- Employers
- Other departments in the Council such as Housing

The local population

We have to think about the people in Bracknell.

- They are living longer
- There are more people whose families originally came from different countries
- There are more people with disabilities

When we look at services we need to think about these changes, because more people will need help from the Council.



This means helping people to live life in the way they want to, so that they enjoy life

What we have done over the past year, 2010-11

We did
During 2010-11 we helped about 70 people with learning
disabilities to become tenants in their own homes. This means
that they have the same rights as anyone else who pays rent to
a landlord, and is one of the ways of "living in settled
accommodation". Most of the 70 people used to live in
residential care homes.
We are one of the best councils in the country for supporting
people to live in settled accommodation.

We said we would...

Help older people, including those with dementia, to have different things to do during the day and to help younger adults to use Personal Budgets so that they can meet and make new friends and do different activities.

We did...

When Downside was closed down, some of the money was used by Crowthorne Old Age and Teens Society (COATS), Sandhurst and Age Concern day centres to make them better.

Sandhurst day centre now has a new level access shower room for people who have problems with walking.

People were supported to use their personal budget to meet and make new friends and to do different activities.

Heathlands Day Centre helps people with memory problems (dementia). They had work done to make the inside of the building better. This means that there are bigger rooms so that more people can go there. Councillor Dale Birch reopened the centre in March 2011. There was a special lunch for people who use the service, their carers and families.

We said we would	We did
Provide information and help to	There is a Dementia Advisor who works with people who have
people who have dementia but	been given a diagnosis of dementia, but who don't yet need
are managing on their own, or	support from the Council. The Dementia Advisor's job is to give
with their families.	people information about their dementia, and where they can go
	for help.
	People asked for help to set up a group that meets together for social events like coffee mornings. New members are always welcome. There is a monthly newsletter and a 'blog' for people to share news, ideas and information. One of the Community Teams that supports people with Dementia and their families will be starting new groups for carers and about being healthy as they get older.

We said we would	We did
Use the Dementia Home	10 older people with dementia who had been in hospital were
Support team in the Council to	given special support to help them to be as independent as they
focus on short term work with	could and have a good life.
people with dementia who:	
 Were leaving hospital 	The team also helps people who have dementia who are dying,
Need a lot of support at home	and their families.
or else they would have to go to	
a care home	
 Were leaving Psychiatric 	
hospital on special leave	
 Need end of life care 	

We said we would	We did
Make sure that people with	People who are old and have dementia were able to stay in part
dementia do not stay in hospital	of Heathlands when they no longer needed to be in hospital.
for a long time when they don't	Staff then helped people to return home when they were well
need to.	enough.
Improve the chances of people	We applied to become an area to try out Payment by Results,
who misuse drugs and alcohol	and we were successful. This is a new way of providing
to recover from addictions:	services for people who misuse drugs and alcohol. This will
	focus on getting the right results, rather than how many people
	get different kinds of support.

Mrs B was very worried about being supported in a different way, and it took a lot of persuasion to 'give it a go'. Now she is really pleased she did because it has made things much better for her.

She is a lady with a lot of physical and mental health problems. She needed a lot of help from her husband to do everything, and had to go to hospital a lot of times in 2009.

Mrs B had played musical instruments in the past, and used her personal budget to buy two: one she knew how o play, and the other he had to learn so she had something to focus on. She also bought a new scooter, which meant she could get out and about and keep in contact with friends, go to medical appointments and to weight watchers.

She also got a gym pass for herself and her husband; this has helped with her mobility, weight physical health problems. She has lost six stone, and is able to move about much better. This also enables her husband to have some time to himself too.

Money for short breaks for respite, and a Merlin pass to use in theme parks means that the whole family can spend some quality time together which helps all the family. The respite breaks mean that Mrs B's husband and daughter can spend time together.

Mrs B says that this has made more of a difference than she could ever have imagined. Over the past year she has only been to hospital twice, which is significantly less than the previous two years. Mrs B says that she does not think she would be still here without this, because she felt like killing herself before.

What we plan to do over the next year, 2011-12

We say we will	Our targets – how well we want to do
Publish the Autistic Spectrum Disorder	Publish the strategy
Commissioning Strategy which will tell	Have an awareness day to tell you all about the
you how we will respond to the needs and	strategy
wishes of local people.	Publish an implementation plan - a plan showing
	what we are going to do and by when.
Set up our "three wishes" approach to	We will ask everyone who receives support what their
checking how well people's plans are	three main aims are from using this support – the
going.	"three wishes". We will ask, at their review, how well
	the aims have been met.
To help people who are in hospital to	To have a policy which tells all staff how they should
return home to give them time to think	be supporting people to have time to make their minds
about whether they want to stay there, or	up, and arrange support for people at home when they
move into a care home	leave hospital.

We say we will	Our targets – how well we want to do
Help carers who look after older people	There will be a service open seven days a week,
with dementia.	where family carers can take people at short notice if
	they need to. The service will support people with
	memory problems, by offering a range of activities,
	such as gardening or music and dance therapy, so that
	their carers can have a break.
Improve the change of popularyha	Ma will about an argenization to provide the convices
Improve the chances of people who	We will choose an organisation to provide the services
misuse drugs and alcohol to recover from	to people. This will use the Payment by Results
addictions	approach, and will be ready to start services in April
	2012.

What we have told the Government

What we have to measure	Our targets – how well we want to do
Whether people think they have	When we asked in 2010-11, 77% (more than three quarters)
enough control over their lives. We	of people said that they had enough control in their lives.
do this by sending out a survey	Only 6 in every 100 people said they had no control.
	For 2011-12, we want more people to feel that they have control in their lives.
How many people are in control of	During 2010-11, 818 more people and/or their carers
what, how and when support is	received a Personal Budget and/or had a Direct Payment.
given to meet their needs (1C)	492 people chose a Direct Payment to arrange some or all of
	their support.
	For 2011-12, we want to help more people do this.

What we have to measure	Our targets – how well we want to do
How many people with a learning disability who are supported by the Council to have a job. (1E)	During 2010-11, 46 people with a learning disability had jobs. For 2011-12 we will continue to help more people find jobs, where possible, and help those who have jobs to keep them. We know this might be difficult because there are a lot of people looking for jobs now.
How many people with mental health problems are supported by the Council to get or keep a job. (1F)	During 2010-11, 28 people with mental health problems who have services and are helped by local community teams had jobs. For 2011-12, we want more people to get jobs, or to keep the jobs they have while they are ill.

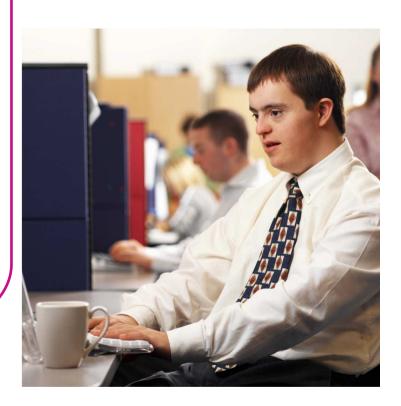
What we have to measure	Our targets – how well we want to do
How many people with a learning	During 2010-11, 244 people with a learning disability were
disability are living in "settled	living in their own home or with their family.
accommodation" – this means with their families, or in an ordinary house or flat like anybody else.(1G)	For 2011-12, we want to improve performance so that more people with a learning disability are living where they want to live.
How many people with mental	During 2010-12, 187 people with mental health problems and
health problems who use	who use community teams were living in their own home or
community teams live in their own	family home, with or without support.
home or family home, with or without support (1H)	For 2011-12, we want more people to live independently.

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"The benefits to me of all the electrical equipment and technology have been fantastic and cannot be underestimated. These particular improvements have helped make my life so much easier. Previously, I left my bedroom curtains shut because it was too difficult for me to open them which was rather depressing. Now they can be opened and adjusted, just being able to let in the daylight makes me feel so much better.

My quality of life is so much better because as well as making normal day-to-day living tasks easier and possible, I'm happier in an environment where I have more light, air and control in the house. I cannot express enough my thankfulness to have the house adapted to my needs in this way."

"Although you had not been involved with my aunty for a long time, the care you provided made it possible for her to stay in her own home, which is what she wanted."



This means helping people to do as much as they can for themselves, for as long as possible, and when people need support, making sure that they are supported at home for as long as they want.

What we have done over the past year, (April 2010-March 2011)

We said we would	We did
Help Green Machine, a green space	The Green Machine is now independent of Bracknell Forest
maintenance service, to become	Council and continues to provide job opportunities for people
independent from Bracknell Forest	who are disabled or disadvantaged.
Council.	
Review the Falls Service and get it going again. The falls services helps people who fall over a lot, and looks at ways to help them so that they don't fall.	In June 2010 the Falls Service started again at Skimped Hill Health Centre. This runs once every two weeks.

We said we would	We did
Try out an Enhanced Intermediate	In October 2010 we tried out a new Enhanced Intermediate
Care service and an End of Life	Care service. There is a team of staff working 24 hours a
service.	day, 7 days a week, and they try to go and support people
The enhanced intermediate care	within two hours of getting the call to say they need help.
service supports people in an	The trial proved very successful and is now one of the
emergency to prevent them going	services we provide.
into hospital, or support them to go	An End of Life service in the community, for people who
home again.	wish to die at home, was tried out too, which was also
The end of Life services supports	successful.
people when they are dying.	The Health service has agreed that there will be money to
	run both these services for another two years.

We said we would	We did
Make sure that older people have	We wrote a policy to make sure that staff knew how they
the time and support to make	should help people have the time to make a decision about
decisions about where they want to	where they live in future.
live, after they have been in hospital.	Support is available all day and night, and this is popular with people and the hospitals
Make sure people have a lot of	We made sure that all the information on the iHub (internet)
information so they know what to do	is up to date, and people can find it easily.
to keep themselves healthy and independent.	We also spent a lot of time writing Our Approach to Prevention and Early Intervention. This is a magazine that is available to everybody in Bracknell Forest and gives a lot of information about things people can do to keep themselves healthy and independent

We said we would	We did
Hold a conference for Family	In September we held a conference for family carers called
Carers	"Caring for Carers" This was very successful, with over 120
	people attending. People said they found it very helpful

What we plan to do over the next year (April 2011-March 2012)

We say that we will	Our targets
Work with a local charity, Crowthorne Old Age and Teens	To complete the work and help
Society (COATS), to alter a building in Crowthorne into flats	adults with a learning disability to
for adults with a learning disability.	move in and become tenants in their
	own homes.

We say that we will	Our targets
Help Headspace, a community arts project which is run by	That Headspace will be independent
the council, to be run by a different organisation. This will	of Bracknell Forest Council.
mean Headspace could apply for money from other places,	
which it cannot do as part of the Council	
We will develop the Falls Clinic so that it runs weekly. We	The Falls Clinic will move to a better
will also run therapy programmes that last for six weeks for	place and will be improved by the
people referred by the Falls Clinic.	summer of 2012.
Give people more information on how to keep themselves	We will publish the second edition of
healthy and independent	Our Approach to Prevention and
	Early Intervention.

We say that we will... **Our targets** Community Intermediate Care will organise the way that The new rota and e-monitoring will be introduced during 2012. staff work in a different way – they will have a new rota. This will be more flexible, and people will get support when it is most useful to them. We will introduce e-monitoring, which is a way of telling exactly how much time support staff spend with people in their homes, so that they only have to pay for what they get. We will work closely with people in health services to We will see what type of workers improve the residential part of the Intermediate Care service would be needed to run this service, to make sure it can support people who are too ill to be at and then employ the right people. home, but who don't need to be in hospital

What we have told the Government about what we have done

What we have to measure	Our Target
The number of people who go to live	People tell us they prefer to stay in their own home rather
in residential care homes, or nursing	than move into a Care Home. Staff will work to help people
homes (2A)	live in their own homes.
	During 2010-11 93 people went to live in residential / nursing care homes, for 2011-12 we want fewer people to have to go into a care home unless they want to.
The number of people who are over	During 2010-11 just over 9 out of every 10 older people
64 years old who leave hospital who	who left hospital with support to help them get better and
are still living in their own homes	stay in their own home, were still in their own home three
three months later (2B)	months later. For 2011-12 we want to help the same
	number of people, or more.

What we have to measure	Our Target
How many people to have to stay in	During 2010-11 only 52 people had to stay in hospital a little
hospital longer than they need to	longer than they needed because Adult Social Care &
because staff from the Council have	Health had a problem finding them support on time.
not been able to arrange support for them when they come out.	For 2011-12 we want there to be even fewer people who have to stay in hospital longer than they need to.

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measure. More information can be found in the Department of Health's "The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework: Handbook of Definitions". By using these, we can see how well we are doing, and see how we can do better.



This means making sure that people who provide support are good at what they do, and treat people with respect.

What we have done over the past year, (2010-11)

We said we would	We did
Ask you about whether we should	We did this through public meetings and a questionnaire.
close Downside Resource Centre,	People said that money would be best spent in providing
to see if we could use the money in	more flexible support. We did this by:
a better way.	ogiving money to centres run by charities so they could
	have more people there
	 having more services for people with dementia at
	Heathlands
	 using money through Personal Budgets to help people
	buy the services they want so that they don't spend too
	much time alone. This included paying for people to be
	members of Keep Mobile so they could go on trips.

We said we would	We did
Review the way we monitor how	We looked at information we ask organisations to provide,
well organisations support people.	and how we check whether every person is well looked after.
	We asked the other organisations what they thought of this,
	and listened to how they suggested we could make it better.
	There is a group of managers from Adult Social Care and
	Health who meet every month (the Care Governance
	Board), and if there are any problems with a home or
	support agency, then the group decides how the Council will
	support the home or agency to improve.

"I would like to express my appreciation for all the kindness and help I have from the lady carers who have visited me since I left hospital. Their sensitivity and cheerfulness lightened my day and I looked forward to their daily visits. I will miss them." Mrs C



Mr A is an elderly gentleman who lives with his wife in a Bracknell Forest Homes (BFH) house. He depends on his mobility scooter to go shopping and to get out and about. He needed to be able to get in and out of his house more easily.

The assistant care manager helped Mr A to think about the best way of helping him, and then later met with a member of staff from BFH at Mr A's home.

BFH arranged for a ramp to go from the pavement, across the garden and into his utility room. Mr A is delighted with the outcome.

What we have to measure	Our targets
How happy people are with the support they get. We asked people what they think in a survey. (3A)	During 2010-11, 6 out of every 10 (over half) people said they are "extremely satisfied" or "very satisfied" when they were asked how satisfied they were with the care and support they get. For people with a learning disability this was 9 out of 10 people. Only just over 4 in every 100 said they were "quite dissatisfied" or worse For 2011-12, we want to improve on this.
How easy it is for people to find information about adult social care. People need to know what help and support is available to them locally, what they have a right to, and who to contact when they need help. We asked people what they think (3D)	During 2010-11, 5 out of every 10 (half) people and their carers said that it was "very easy" or "fairly easy" when asked "In the past year, have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits?" Less than 1 out of every 5 people said it was fairly difficult or worse. For 2011-12, we want to improve this.

What we have to measure	Our targets
How many complaints and	During 2010-11 we received 136 compliments and 37
compliments (nice things people say	complaints. The annual report can be found on our web
about what we do) we get, and how	site: http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/living/liv-
quickly we give people answers to	community-care/liv-complaints-adult-social-care.htm or
complaints.	you can ask for a copy by calling Susan Horton,
	Complaints Manager on 01344 351737
	We like you to send us compliments and complaints so that we learn from them. If you have any compliments or complaints please contact us.

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This means making sure that people who are old or disabled are not hurt or bullied in any way, and get the support they need

What we have done over the past year

We said we would	We did
Set up the Safe Place Scheme so that	In July 2010 the Safe Place Scheme was set up.
vulnerable people will have a place to go if	There are 82 different places in Bracknell,
they are feeling frightened when they are out	Crowthorne and Sandhurst, and some places are
	open in the evening too. In January 2011 people
	were asked about the scheme and everyone said
	they felt safer. People also said it would be good
	to have somewhere to go to in the evenings.
	Different places like pubs and restaurants are
	being asked if they would like to join the scheme.

We said we would	We did
Make sure that people could get emergency	We continued to support the work of the Princess
support if their carers were ill	Royal Trust to make arrangements for people.
Have an event to help staff working in care	We held a workshop to help managers of care
homes understand what the Mental Capacity	homes and their staff understand more about the
Act says they must do to make sure they do	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). The
not limit people's freedom more than they	safeguards are a way of making sure that if people
have to.	need some of their freedom to be limited, then this
	is the right way to keep them safe, and it is
	properly checked out and agreed.
Help other organisations to keep people safe	We appointed a Safeguarding Adults
	Development Worker to work with organisations
	employing staff to support people. He will help
	them to look at their policies and training

We said we would	We did
Review the Emergency Duty Service. This	We asked all the Councils who use the service
service is there for when children are at risk	what they wanted the service to provide. This will
and for people who need assessments in an	tell us about how we need to organise staff next
emergency overnight and at weekends.	year.

What we plan to do over the next year (2011-2012)

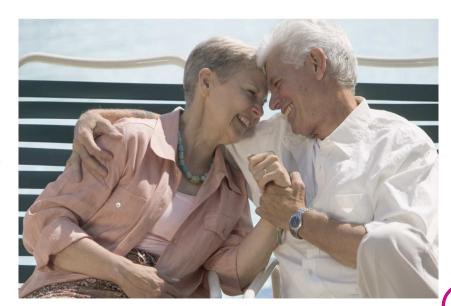
We say that we will	Our Targets
Develop plans to make sure people know how to keep	We will have a strategy written by
themselves safe	March 2012

Develop a Safeguarding Toolkit for organisations that run care	The toolkit will be developed with
homes, and provide support to people in their own homes.	a lot of input from the
This will help providers to learn from each other about how to	organisations that run homes and
write good policies and plans	provide support. It will be ready
	in March
Develop a new model for the Emergency Duty Service based	Staff will be asked what they think
on what other Councils told us they want.	of the new arrangements before
	anything is changed, so they have
	a chance to comment and see if
	they have any better ideas.

What we have told the Government about what we have done

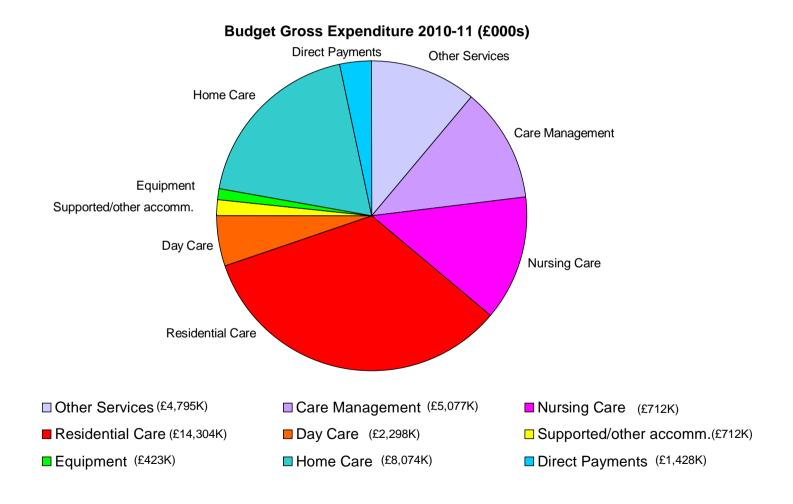
Things we have to measure	Our targets
Whether people feel safe, and have help	We will ask this question for the first time in the survey
to plan to keep themselves safe. (4B)	in 2011-12. We are looking forward to hearing what you
	want to tell us.

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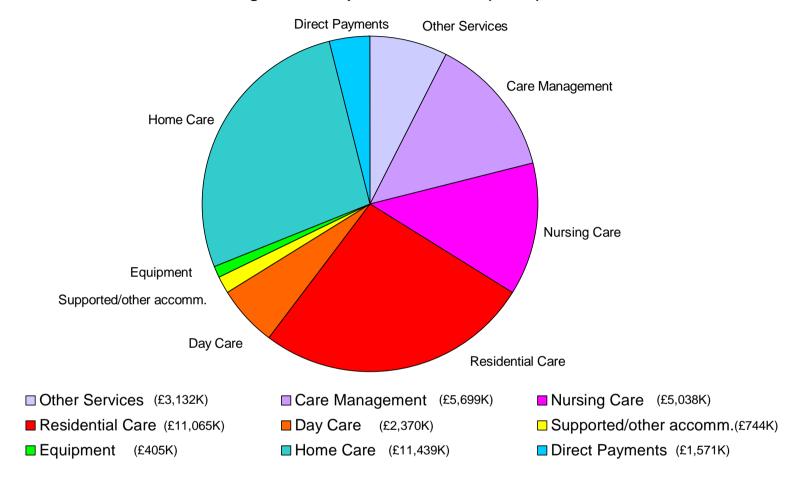


Money

Our budget for 2010-11 was £40.4 million and we managed to keep our spending within budget. In 2011-12 we will have reduced funds of £40.1 million.



Budget Gross Expenditure 2011-12 (£000s)



Bracknell Forest Council's Statement of Accounts 2010-11 can be found on the website: http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/your-council/yc-statement-of-accounts.htm

Facts & Figures

Bracknell Forest Council has an adult population of 89,346 people, of whom 14,307 people are aged 65 or over.

During 2010-11, Adult Social Care & Health:

- Received 4394 contacts/referrals
- Assessed 2360 people and **799** carers
- Provided packages of care to 3294 people
- 287 carers received respite and/or other carer specific services and 512
 received information and advice



Local Account for 2011-12

The Local Account for 2011-12 is the first year that the Government requires local authorities to produce it, and as it is a document for the people of Bracknell Forest we want to know what you want to read about. Please tell us:

- Which social care services you would like us to talk about in the Local Account and what you want to know about them
- What services you think Adult Social Care should be focusing on
- What you think makes Adult Social Care & Health services good
- If the report should look like a newsletter, or a report like this one, or if you would like to have this information in a different way.

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