

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
17 APRIL 2012**

**COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM CONDITIONS
'LIVING WITH POSITIVE CHOICES' 2012-2017
Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the outcome of the consultation undertaken with the community which will feed into the development of the above strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the findings of the consultation.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The analysis of the consultation will enable the department to develop the above commissioning strategy and the action plan by which it will be delivered.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 N/A

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines long term conditions (also called chronic conditions) as health problems that require on-going management over a period of years or decades.
- 5.2 Over the next 15 years it is expected that all long term conditions will increase in prevalence with conditions that are likely to increase the most being diabetes, obesity and epilepsy.
- 5.3 In delivering our commissioning strategy over the next five years we need to listen to what people say and aim to meet their expectations.
- 5.4 In developing this strategy we have used information gathered within the JSNA Appendix 1 show the projected changes for 16 long term conditions up to 2025.
- 5.5 Consultation
- 5.4.1 Ran from 4th November 2011 to 4th February 2012 and individuals were encouraged to take part through a range of methods. A total of 597 comments were submitted related to the experiences, needs and wishes of residents.
- 5.4.2 The respondents were:
- 81% female and 19% male

- Aged between 35-64 years old
- Respondents came from all over the Borough, including Wards of both high and low deprivation.

The top priorities were:

- Practical help
- Advocacy
- Information
- Respect and understanding of long term conditions
- Respite services

5.4.3 Comments gathered have been analysed will be used to formulate the action plan (Appendix2) and are listed under the headings of:

- Wellbeing: Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs
- Recovery: delaying and reducing the need for care and support
- Experiences: Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support
- Safety: Safeguarding people whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting from avoidable harm

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 N/A

Borough Treasurer

6.2 The Council allocates its financial resources through the budget process in the context of its medium term financial plan. Currently the medium term financial plan forecasts that the Council will need to make significant savings over the next few years. Over this period the Council will have to develop increased efficiency in service delivery whilst still responding to demographic changes, new legislation and the need to modernise services. This will require the reallocation of some of the Councils limited resources to key priorities.

6.3 In order to deliver these service changes the Council publishes a range of strategies and policies relating to many of its key services. A strategy or policy does not represent a financial commitment but, rather, sets the strategic direction of travel, subject to the level of resources that become available. These strategies also form the basis of the annual service plan which ensures that the development of the Council's services is consistent with its medium term objectives within the resource envelope that is agreed. The development of these strategies is, therefore an important part of the Council's arrangements for helping it allocate its limited resources to maximum effect.

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