

## **Adult & Health Scrutiny Panel**

### **Further info requested by the Panel**

**The principle of charging for a whole package of care, rather than treating travel costs separately, was supported by the Panel. However, it was agreed further information, about the cost implications of the Transport to Day Opportunities proposal, especially the total number of service users affected, should be made available to OSC, before final budget scrutiny recommendations are agreed**

There are 466 users of day opportunities, 151 of whom currently attend in-house provision and 315 of whom attend external provision. Of these, 415 are subject to charging.

A recent desktop review indicated that Haringey pay the full transport costs to and from externally delivered daycare for 32 service users although they are contributing to the cost of the day care they receive. Initial indications are that the impact of adding on the cost of transport to the day care package costs will have a very limited impact on the actual charge to the user as the cost of the overall package will be subject to the standard financial assessment, which is based on the ability to pay and not on an automatic percentage charge of the overall cost. Any increase in charges identified would therefore only be possible within the limits set out in the charging policy. These service users have not been directly affected by the transformation of council delivered day opportunities and have continued to receive services as previously.

In addition, there are 139 service users who use transport services to attend council delivered day care. The same issues arise as for externally delivered day opportunities provision.

In line with the established principle that all elements of a care package are subject to our charging policy and that this is based on financial assessment and the ability to pay, these costs are being reviewed, taking into account the changes underway within the service but always within the existing charging policy.