

Response to Overview & Scrutiny Committee regarding key issues and priorities.

Cllr Bob Harris. Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Wellbeing.

Achievements (2007/08)

- Haringey's partnership working was commended in the Municipal Journal awards, and shortlisted in the Health Services Journal.
- Joint commissioning and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment were well developed
- Commissioning of services has been closely aligned to quality assurance
- The In-House home care service was proven to be effective at reducing levels of need and improving outcomes for people
- The Drug services partnership was rated excellent, by the Healthcare Commission
- Increased use of 'Telecare' support helped to reduce the number of emergency calls to the council
- The council was shortlisted for a Beacon Award, for transforming services through citizen empowerment and engagement
- People were more promptly assessed for services
- Increased numbers of people accessed services via direct payments
- Adult social care and the WBPB supported more people with disabilities into work, employment and training.
- And a noticeably improved performance; expected to be recognised in the latest CSCI Inspection Report

Priorities (2008/09)

- To continue to provide strong political leadership to adults social care and the WBPB
- To ensure continued, sound fiscal management and the achievement of a balanced value for money budget despite significant pressures
- To continue to transform social care to develop a modernised model of service provision in line with Central Government's agenda on personalisation
- To continue and improve on innovative working with the 3rd sector and BME communities.
- To work towards achieving level 4 of the Equality Standards for Local Government
- To build on and strengthen robust adult safeguarding arrangements
- To continue to help people leave hospital in a timely manner by reducing further the number of delayed transfers of care
- To continue the constructive use of the Local Area Agreement, including an emphasis on preventive services
- To continue to further develop services for carers

- To work closely with housing services to develop Extra Care Supported Housing
- To complete the work on the creation of a joint visiting team with the DWP to provide further income maximisation to people in the borough
- To improve further on our performance and inspection rating, ensuring we put users at the forefront