



<b>Briefing for:</b>	Scrutiny	<b>Item number</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Support To Carers – Leisure Centre Access		
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## 1. Overview

Support to registered carers is offered at the borough's four leisure's centres in the form of a free Active Card carers pass.

The pass entitles the carer to free access to the leisure centre when they attend the leisure centre with the person they care for. The pass also entitles the carer to reduced price entry to the leisure centre when they attend on their own.

In order to be eligible for a carers pass the carer needs to obtain a letter from the Service Support Officer confirming that they are registered on Haringey Carers' Register.

Once the person has their letter they can then apply at any of the leisure centres in the normal way for their Active Card. The availability of this additional support to carers is promoted via adult commissioning services usually in the form of a leaflet (Appendix 1).

The carers pass lasts nominally for one year and can be renewed, for free, on the production of evidence that they remain on the Haringey's Carers' Register.

The scheme has been in place for a number of years and currently 47 people are registered on the scheme of the 1201 eligible carers as of March 2009. During the last 12 months the carers passes were used for 316 activities.



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In terms of gender profile, Men make up 32% of carers and women 68% compared with a carer population of 41% male and 59% female. The age range of people use of the carers pass is 24-75. The average age of carers is 46.

Of the 47 current carer pass holders only 34 (60%) have provided ethnicity information. Broadly speaking those from BME groups make up a higher proportion of those making use of the carers pass than their profile within all Borough residents.

There are two main activities undertaken by carers and these are swimming and using the fitness suite.

## **2. Future Developments**

Currently Sport and Leisure services have no plans to develop the scheme further; however any development proposals that do come forward will be embraced and supported. In particular we would be keen to provide some further support to young carers where possible.