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Dear colleague

Budget cuts – impact on adult social care services

Haringey Council is facing unprecedented cuts to its budget. Along with other parts of the council, this will have very serious consequences for adult social care services.

With this letter is a more detailed explanation of the proposed cuts which have been put to elected members of the council.

We share your sadness and frustration at the position we have been put in. We do not want to make these cuts, but we have no alternative. It is especially sad that services which are so highly valued by you and local people are under threat.

Other sources of help:

Are you able to help or do you know of an organisation that can provide drop-in facilities for the over-60s and others, so that we can signpost people to them?

We have recently launched an electronic directory of services, support and activities for Adults, including an Adult Social Care “What’s On?” site where users of adult social care services, their families and carers can find information on events and activities in Haringey. Moreover, we are working closely with a local social networking site, Harringay online.

We can already see from the data we hold what activities and events some organisations on that site run in the local area. We would be delighted however to include what they or others provide in the way of facilities and activities (coffee mornings, lunches, bingo, foot care, hairdressing, games, dances, crafts etc) on our website and or to hear from you or others about ways you/they might be able to help.

Our directory, if you would care to take a look, is called HARicare and accessible via a search engine such as Google by entering either www.haringey.gov.uk/haricare or

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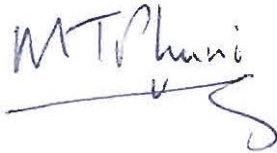


the words Haricare and Haringey and clicking on the relevant link. It is also under the "I want to" section on the Council website's homepage.

Under the 'add an entry' link of HARicare homepage, there is the facility to ask for your organisation's details to be included in our directory. Alternatively, you can email us at Haricare@haringey.gov.uk and someone will get back to you.

We are organising a series of meetings for users, their families and carers to give them a chance to hear at first hand how this affects them. We will also be able to explore what this means for you and your organisation in more detail in the early New Year, including at any regular forums or meetings between ourselves and our teams. The Government has only just announced what funding it is making to local councils. However, I wanted to write to you now so that you heard directly from us as early as possible what is under consideration.

Your sincerely



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BUDGET CUTS – IMPACT ON ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Adult social care services:

Haringey Council has to make savings of almost £46m by the end of March 2012, with a further need for additional savings over the following two years.

Together with all other parts of the council, the adult social care team have been asked to come up with proposals to reorganise services within a very much reduced budget. On December 21, proposals were presented to the council's Cabinet when members discussed their response to the Government's comprehensive spending review and those budget cuts.

Among the difficult issues that elected members will have to consider, is whether or not to close or cease a range of services from April next year:

- The luncheon club at Jackson's Lane by 1 April, 2011.
- Withdraw management from the Elderly and Disability Project at the Cypriot Centre from 1 April, 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The four drop-in centres: at Abyssinia Court, The Irish Centre, Willoughby Road and Woodside House. The plan is that this service would stop sometime in the summer of 2011.
- The Woodside Day Centre no later than 1 April, 2012.
- The Six8Four Centre no later than 1 April, 2012
- The Haven no later than 1 April, 2012.
- The closure of the Homecare Service no later than 1 April, 2012.
- The Whitehall Street Centre no later than 1 April, 2012.
- We are looking merging the services at The Grange and the Haynes Centre, to come into effect no later than 1 April, 2012.
- The Red House residential care home no later than 1 April, 2013.
- Cranwood residential care home no later than 1 April, 2013.
- Broadwater Lodge residential care home no later than 1 April, 2013.

These are provisional timings for implementation and are subject to change.

Restructuring of services:

The Cabinet also considered other structural changes that we need to make to support Personalisation including a new Re-ablement Service.

Help and support:

These are obviously very difficult times for users of services, their families and carers and we will do all we can to support and help them as best we can over the coming months.

Assessment teams will carry out an assessment and review of each resident/user of services needs culminating in an agreed outcome. Considerations will include enabling people, through personal and individual budgets, to access more ordinary living options or to access the care and support in new and more flexible ways – for example, moving to live in extra care sheltered housing.

Any proposed changes will be carried out in accordance with the highest of professional standards affording dignity, respect and humanity to our service users, by conducting review and assessments and choosing the most appropriate alternative care option. On residential care, Haringey was recently assessed by the Care Quality Commission as the best London council for placing people in homes which were rated as excellent or good. Where placements are appropriate, we will be looking to maintain this approach.

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