

Luncheon Club Benchmarking Exercise

A short survey was carried out with other London boroughs to establish whether in-house luncheon clubs are provided for older people. Responses were received from 21 local authorities, of which just one directly provides a lunch club for older people. The results of the survey are summarised below.

	Council	In-house luncheon club?	Additional comments
1	Barking & Dagenham	Yes	Council took over some lunch clubs from Age Concern when they folded. Also have a resource centre based in an extra care scheme.
2	Barnet	No	N/A
3	Bexley	No	N/A
4	Bromley	No	A few voluntary sector lunch clubs are funded by the Council, particularly targeting minority communities.
5	Camden	No	Have two resource centres providing services, including exercise, adult education, social activities and community stroke services. Lunch is provided for service users as well as other older people who can buy lunch at the centre.
6	Croydon	No	Luncheon clubs provided through voluntary sector with funding from Council.
7	Enfield	No	N/A
8	Greenwich	No	N/A
9	Hackney	No	Commission some services from 17 independent lunch clubs.
10	Havering	No	Luncheon clubs run by voluntary sector.
11	Hillingdon	No	Dining clubs run by voluntary sector/ volunteers with Council subsidy.
12	Hounslow	No	N/A
13	Lambeth	No	Commission a range of services through the third sector.

14	Merton	No	N/A
15	Newham	No	N/A
16	RB Kensington & Chelsea	No	The Council contributes to funding for drop-in facilities run by the voluntary sector. In-house day service provides meal to older people as part of the service.
17	Southwark	No	Luncheon clubs provided through voluntary sector.
18	Tower Hamlets	No	Commission all lunch club provision from external providers. Do not have any in-house drop-in facilities.
19	Waltham Forest	No	N/A
20	Wandsworth	No	N/A
21	Westminster	No	Developing community hubs from which older people will receive low level services, which may include some luncheon activities. This will be mostly paid for at cost by older people and will be run by the community.