



**Haringey Council**

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Learning Disabilities service – Campsbourne Road</b>		
<b>Report Authorised by:</b>	<b>Cllr Gina Adamou Chair, Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b>		

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. The Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider the content of the attached report, the subsequent evidence from the service users and their carers/families and any evidence received at the panel meeting in order to:

- Assess the impact and outcomes for the residents on the move from Whitehall Street to alternative service provision based on current policy and best practice, with specific reference to those at Campsbourne; and
- Make recommendations on any lessons learned and any service improvement that may be required.

## 2. Cabinet Member introduction

N/A

## 3. Recommendations

3.1. That the Panel notes the content of the report and considers any recommendations it wishes to make, to be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval before referral to Cabinet.



#### **4. Other options considered**

N/A

#### **5. Background information**

- 5.1. Whitehall Street was a Council residential care home providing a physical, social and emotional care support service to 15 people with learning disabilities.
- 5.2. A reduction in funding following the Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 and a need to transform services, Whitehall Street was closed.
- 5.3. A number of the residents of Whitehall Street expressed a wish to continue living together as a group.
- 5.4. A Homes for Haringey property was identified and following refurbishment four residents now reside in this property with care support.

#### **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

- 6.1. The closure of Whitehall Street and provision of care for the residents in the new Supported Living scheme at Campsbourne produced a net saving of £240k. This has been built into the Adults and Community Services budget. The costs of the Campsbourne conversion were funded from the HRA capital programme and the Building Community Capacity Grant. There are no further financial implications for the council.

#### **7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications**

- 7.1. The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on this report and confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from the report.

#### **8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**

- 8.1. According to the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#)<sup>1</sup> (JSNA) 580 people receive services from the Local Authority in relation to their learning disability. The JSNA also notes that of these:
  - Half live in the community with help at home;
  - Half live in the community and are in receipt of a personal budget;
  - There are currently 44 people with learning disability aged over 65 years;
  - Nearly 60% of this group are cared for in residential care and the rest live in their own home or in an adult placement.

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Haringey Council,  
[http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/social\\_care\\_and\\_health/health/jsna/jsna-adults-and-older-people/jsna-learning-disabilities.htm](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/social_care_and_health/health/jsna/jsna-adults-and-older-people/jsna-learning-disabilities.htm)



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8.2. The prevalence of learning disability in the general population is expected to rise by around 1% per annum for the next 10 years and to grow overall by over 10% by 2020. It is also expected that there will be a growth in the complexity of disabilities. In addition, there are increases anticipated in the proportion of younger English adults from South Asian minority ethnic communities where the prevalence of learning disability is higher. People with a learning disability are also living longer.

8.3. As part of the closure consultation process residents and respite users at Whitehall Street were consulted.

8.4. An Independent Mencap Advocate is due to carry out follow up visits with the service users now residing at Campsbourne, this will be form part of the discussion at the Adults and Health Panel on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## **9. Head of Procurement Comments**

N/A

## **10. Policy Implication**

10.1. Scrutiny has a role in policy development and review across the Council and Partnership as well as to act as a direct link to the local community. It is therefore anticipated that Overview and Scrutiny will, during the course of its work, make recommendations which will have an impact on Council and partnership policy.

## **11. Use of Appendices**

11.1. Appendices are listed in the main body of the attached report.

## **12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**