

## Labour amendment to motion F - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Amend the motion to delete struck-through words and insert underlined words:

## Lib Dem motion 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### Mental Health

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- Mental health issues will affect 1 in 4 people at some point in their lives.
- That 54,000 people in Haringey will suffer from mental health issues.
- 2,413 young people in Haringey will be affected by mental health issues.
- Mental health issues shorten life expectancy by 15 to 20 years.

~~This Council is concerned that the funding for the advocacy service run by Mind in Haringey is due to end in December after 23 years. This Council is also concerned that this could leave a gap in this vital service until the tendering process is complete.~~

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~~This council further notes that the Liberal Democrats in Government:~~

- ~~• have announced £120 million of extra funding for mental health~~
- ~~• have introduced waiting times for talking therapies for the first time~~
- ~~• £7m investment in NHS England to create 50 new inpatient beds for children and young people, and better case management~~

~~This council calls on the Labour administration to take urgent action to ensure that an appropriate advocacy service is available for local people with mental health issues in January and commit the council to improving mental health services.~~

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**Proposed by:** ~~Cllr Sarah Elliott~~ Cllr Peter Morton

**Seconded by:** ~~Cllr Pippa Connor~~ Cllr Liz McShane

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