

## **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**6 DECEMBER 2005**

### **QUESTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR SERVICE PROVIDERS**

1. How easy do you think that it is to access help when people start to show early signs of mental illness;
  - How quickly can people gain access to services?
  - How responsive are they?
  - How easily can they be accessed?
2. Are there any specific services that are provided within the voluntary sector that are aimed at addressing the needs of people who are experiencing early symptoms of mental illness and which aim, through early intervention, to prevent their severity worsening?
3. Are there any specific gaps in overall service provision for people who are experiencing early symptoms of mental illness?
4. How do you think that services could be made more accessible to people from all communities (i.e. ethnic minority communities/people with disabilities) within the Borough?
5. Do you think that there is sufficient choice for patients and carers in the kind of therapies and treatments that are offered?
6. Are there any specific services provided for people without a CPA and how easily can they be accessed?
7. What do you think are the main barriers to successful rehabilitation?
8. What do you think could be done to counter stigma and discrimination against people who have been mentally ill?
9. What do you think would improve services aimed at early intervention?