



Agenda item:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 April 2008

Report Title: Scrutiny Review on High Impact Users of Healthcare	
Report of: Chair of Review Panel	
Wards(s) affected: ALL	
<p>1. Purpose 1.1 To approve the final report of the Review Panel</p>	
<p>2. Recommendations That Members approve the conclusions and recommendations of the Review, as outlined in the Scrutiny Review report.</p>	
<p>Contact Officer: Robert Mack Principal Scrutiny Support Officer, Tel 0208 489 2921</p>	
<p>3. Executive Summary 3.1 As set out in the attached report</p>	
<p>4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable) 4.1 N/A</p>	
<p>5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 5.1 The background papers relating to this report are : <i>Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (attached).</i> These can be obtained from Robert Mack – Principal Scrutiny Support Officer on 020 8489 2921, 7th. Floor, River Park House , e-mail: rob.mack@haringey.gov.uk</p>	

5. Description

5.1 *Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (attached).*

6. Consultation

6.1 The Review report has been submitted to relevant departments for consideration of technical accuracy and feasibility of the recommendations.

7. Summary and Conclusions

7.1 *Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (attached).*

8. Recommendations

8.1 *Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (attached).*

9. Legal and Finance Comments

9.1 The provision of improved health and social care to help vulnerable people to stay out of hospital has the potential to save the NHS money in the long term. It is important that the issue is addressed at an early stage as the long term financial implications of not doing so may be considerable due to the increase in the number of older people that is predicted to take place during the next decade. However, there are likely to be cost implications for social care in improving the levels of community based support necessary to make the achievement of overall savings possible. The report addresses this issue and recommends means by which this might be addressed.

10. Chief Financial Officer Comments

10.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no specific comment to make.

11. Head of Legal Services Comments

11.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no specific comment to make.

10. Equalities Implications

10.1 The majority of high impact users are older people and there are also links with deprivation and ethnicity. They will therefore potentially benefit from any recommendations, as outlined in the report, to improve their care.

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