

**Agenda item No:**

Briefing for:	Councillor Bob Harris Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing
Title:	Funding for Stroke Care for Adults
Purpose of briefing:	To inform the lead Cabinet Member of possible options for investment of Stroke-Care Grant
Date:	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2008

**1. Background:**

Ring Fenced funding has just been allocated to councils to support stroke care for residents in the community. The allocation made to Haringey is £92,000 a year for three years. The funding is to support the implementation of the National Stroke Strategy launched in December 2007.

Over the three years of the funding it is expected that local authorities and partners can demonstrate improvements against outcomes in relation to some of the 20 Quality Markers identified in the National Strategy.

The guidance makes clear that Local Authorities are pivotal in providing a range of services to people who remain in the community and helping ensure that people live as independently as possible.

**2. Local Priorities:**

The delivery of the National Stroke Strategy achieves many of the priority outcomes for Adult Services. Specifically:

- D41 – Reducing levels of delayed discharge in hospitals by having appropriate preventative services in place and community services that are able to facilitate timely discharge and optimise levels of independence.
- N125 / N141 / PAFC32 & C29 - Supporting adults and older people to live independently in the community.

We are also required to deliver an improvement in supporting younger disabled people back into work.

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All of these priorities are elements of the forthcoming Rehabilitation and Intermediate Care Strategy – any work undertaken now will be in line with the outcomes anticipated from full implementation of this strategy.

### **3. Suggested options for use of the Grant Funding:**

Given the above priorities and the clear steer of the DH that the money is used to work across partnerships to improve outcomes, it is proposed that this resource is used as follows:

- Appointment of a Stroke Coordinator for 3 years to work across health and social care. Elements of this role will involve improving care pathways from Acute Services into rehabilitation – including social care within the community and in care homes. Anticipated costs of this post are around £52k. Initial discussions with HTPCT suggest that this may be jointly funded (thus the costs to the council would only be £26k).
- Support for existing initiatives – specifically the Age Concern Stroke Clubs (£10k) and the Different Strokes (£5k to each of the 2 centres).
- Support the council Welfare to Work strategy by allocating £22k to Winkfield Resource Centre to support outreach work to help working age adults return to work.
- Enhance the establishment of Haven Day Centre by 1 wte to enable more intensive work with older people who have returned to the community & could benefit from further intermediate care. (£24k)

Expenditure and measurement of outcomes against each of these investments would be undertaken quarterly. Where evidence of progress is lacking ongoing funding to be withdrawn (given agreed notice). The monitoring of outcomes will be undertaken by a joint panel including representation of LBH, HTPCT and the Haringey Forum for Older People.