

DISABLED PEOPLE'S PLAN - PROGRESS UPDATE 2012-13

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Papers with report	Disabled People's Action Plan Update (Appendix 1)

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To provide Cabinet with an update on the Disabled People's action plan for 2012-13.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The Disabled People's Plan assists the Council to deliver its plans to put residents first. Supporting disabled people to live independent, active, healthy lives and providing opportunities to improve well-being is key to the work of the Hillingdon shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. The plan links with agreed health and social care commissioning strategies.
Financial Cost	Costs attributed to this plan are accounted for in individual service budgets.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Services, Health & Housing
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet notes the progress made on the delivery of the 2012/13 Disabled People's Plan to date.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

1. The Disabled People's Plan has been developed to identify and address some of the challenges facing disabled people of all ages in Hillingdon by identifying what the council can do directly, or through its influence with others to improve the lives of disabled people and to maximise their health and wellbeing.

Alternative options considered / risk management

2. None considered.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

3. None at this stage.

Supporting Information

4. The latest update of progress with delivering the 2012/13 actions in the Disabled People's Plan is set out in appendix 1. Some highlights from the plan so far this year include:

Safety and Security

- Targeted Information for adults with disabilities – information to help people with disabilities keep themselves safe is being targeted to user and carer groups. This includes information to raise awareness of bogus callers and practical advice about home security and safety in the home.

Preventative Care

- Joined-up preventative services – In April 2011 the London Borough of Hillingdon launched a new Telecareline service. The service supports residents to live safely and independently in their own homes using a range of equipment, such as sensors and detectors all connected back to a local staffed control centre to provide assistance to older people if needed. Between April 2012 and the end of September 2012, 536 people have received assistive technology against a full year target of 750 people. Since the scheme commenced 1656 people have benefitted from the installation of the technology in their homes.

Keeping Independent and Healthy

- Personalised social care services – overall 47% of people who need a social care service are in receipt of a personal budget. This is giving more and more people with a disability choice and control over the care and support they need. Improvements have been made to on-line information about care and support services to underpin the move to personal budgets.
- An integrated care pilot - Multi-disciplinary case discussions are taking place in GP practices to co-ordinate patient care planning across agencies to ensure people with complex needs receive the care and support they need to prevent admission to hospital or a residential / nursing care home. To date 40 GP practices have signed up to the new service out of 48 GP practices in Hillingdon.

Supporting People With Disabilities in the Community

- Improving sports facilities on offer – A number of programmes have been developed and delivered to provide people with disabilities an opportunity to be involved in sporting activities, including Boccia (a form of bowls for people with a physical disability) and a new 'Gymability' programme at the Hillingdon Sports & Leisure Complex. Further improvements to access for people with disabilities have been made at Hillingdon Sports & Leisure Complex.
- Support for employment and training – a number of initiatives are underway including an event being organised by Uxbridge College for local businesses before the end of March 2013 to promote the employment and training of people with disabilities. A voluntary sector partner is researching practice and ideas for employment and training for people with disabilities and will present these to a working group for development before the end of March 2013.

Housing

- Supported housing - Work is progressing to deliver a programme to provide additional supported housing for people with learning disabilities or physical disabilities. This includes a new 12 bed supported housing scheme for adults with a learning disability which opened recently, with people now moving in. A further scheme of three properties is being developed for young people with high needs leaving residential school. Four people have moved into their new accommodation.
- Increasing the independence and safety for people with disabilities – 99 properties have been provided with adaptations to date to enable users with disabilities to have greater independence within their home. The overall target of 400 adaptations by March 2013 is expected to be met.

Financial Implications

5. The tasks contained in this action plan are being carried out within existing resources.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

6. The plan seeks to ensure responsive services and better outcomes for disabled people.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

7. Updates of the plan will be discussed with the Steering Group for the Assembly for People with Disabilities and members of the Assembly. As part of service development, consultation is routinely carried out with service users and user groups.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

8. Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and its recommendations and is satisfied that the cost of implementing the plan will be contained within existing budgets.
9. The business case for delivering the Supported Housing Programme has been refreshed and a further report will be presented to Cabinet on this proposed programme.

Legal

10. The Disabled People's Plan is underpinned by the Equality Act 2010, which harmonises and extends the law on disability discrimination and which replaces the Disability Discrimination Acts of 1995 and 2005. Therefore, the Plan will need to be kept under review and may need to be adjusted in future to take account of these changes so that the Council is at all times fully compliant with its legal obligations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL