

# PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DISABLED PEOPLE'S PLAN 2013-14

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Disabled People's Action Plan Update (appendix 1)

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To provide Cabinet with an update on the Disabled People's action plan for 2013-14.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	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 are key to the work of the Hillingdon's Health and Wellbeing Board. The plan links with agreed health and social care commissioning strategies.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	Costs attributed to this plan are accounted for in individual service budgets.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Social Services, Housing and Public Health
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	All

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Cabinet notes the progress made on the delivery of the 2013/14 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.

## Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

3. None at this stage.

### Supporting Information

4. The latest update of progress with delivering the 2013/14 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. Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, 2,455 service users have benefitted from TeleCareLine equipment. The technology is helping people to live safely and independently at home. The take-up of TeleCareline is exceeding the target of 750 new service users set for each year of the scheme.

#### Keeping Independent and Healthy

- Personalised social care services – A personal care budget gives people who need care and support a greater say on deciding their support arrangements to suit their own needs. As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 77% of social care clients were in receipt of a personal budget (based on services which are subject to a personal budget). The take-up of personal budgets is exceeding the national target of 70%.
- An integrated care programme - 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 80% of GP practices have signed up to the new service in Hillingdon. From April 2013 the programme has been expanded to include those people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and patients with cardiac difficulties.

#### 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). A 'Shine the Light' sports event for disabled adults was held at Brunel University in July 2013 to celebrate one year since the torch relay passed through Hillingdon. Around 80 people with disabilities attended and had a go at various sports including judo, football, tennis, golf and dance.

- Local education - Updates have been provided to Cabinet about the rising demand for schools places, including the rising number of children with a statement of special education need. Options are being explored to develop local education provision for children with a special education need to be closer to home where possible.

## **Housing**

- Supported housing - Placements continue to be made into Triscott House and Cottesmore House for residents with extra care support needs to prevent the need for residential placements. On average 1 placement is made per month. The Council continues to work with providers to develop additional supported living accommodation. This includes de-registering a number of existing care homes and re-modelling these as supported living accommodation. Work has started on six schemes which will provide supported living accommodation for approximately 26 residents.
- Increasing the independence and safety for people with disabilities – To the end of September 2012, 41 adaptations have been completed to help residents who need additional assistance to live independently in their own homes.

## **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.

### **Legal**

9. 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