

## **UPDATE REPORT ON THE HILLINGDON CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

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### **REASON FOR ITEM**

1. This report provides the Policy Overview Committee with an update on the Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living (H-CIL).
2. A report giving an update was requested by Members at the Policy Overview Committee held in June 2009.

### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE**

3. To note the contents of the report.
4. To question officers on its content.

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Background**

5. At the Policy Overview Committee meeting in June Members noted the need for every locality to have a Centre for Independent Living in place by 2010 and that a stakeholder group had been formed to lead on the development of H-CIL.
6. The committee also noted that H-CIL was the new name for what had been known as the Hillingdon Independent Living Centre. Representatives from Adult Social Care Health and Housing, Community Health Services (the provider arm of Hillingdon PCT) and the Disablement Association of Hillingdon have been working together in partnership to develop a service specification that includes the requirements for developing the service over the next 3 years.

#### **Current Position**

7. The Mayor officially launched the Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. The launch was attended by 50 people who have been connected with the development of H-CIL and gave people an opportunity to see the services that are already offered by H-CIL.
8. The first open day is being held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This will give an opportunity for disabled people, carers and health and social care staff to have an opportunity to look at the equipment and services that are already in place at the centre.

9. DASH has sent out an invitation to disabled people to ask for volunteers to form a user-led management board. This has resulted in interest from 15 disabled people ranging from the age of 18-80 from diverse backgrounds to be involved in developing the service at H-CIL. The first meeting of this group is taking place in the next month.
10. The trusted assessors who are employed at H-CIL have both had trusted assessor training. This was completed at the Disabled Living Foundation at Harrow Road, London and the course is accredited by the Open College Network. The course provided training in the assessment, use and fitting of basic daily living equipment and covered a number of areas including assessment and intervention, risk, issuing responsibilities and sessions on chairs, beds, rails, toilets, household items and bathing.

### **Future action**

11. As highlighted in a previous report to POC the scope for developing the H-CIL on its current site is limited by the size of the property and its location. The Council, NHS Hillingdon and Hillingdon Community Health will continue to look at options but the lack of available capital and revenue funding means that this is unlikely to be resolved in the near future. However, the range of funding options available would possibly be greater if H-CIL had its own separate legal identity, e.g. as a community interest company, and discussions will be taking place over the next quarter to explore this and its implications in more detail.
12. The scope for providing support services on an outreach basis is also something that will be looked at, particularly within the context of the personalisation agenda.

### **Conclusion**

13. Further progress has been made since POC received the last report on H-CIL in June 2009. The centre has now been officially launched and open days have been set up for disabled people, carers and health and social care staff to attend. A number of disabled people have volunteered to develop a management board to lead on the development of H-CIL's strategy in the long-term in partnership with the statutory agencies.