


Non-Executive Report of the: [Health Scrutiny Committee] 15/09/2016	 TOWER HAMLETS
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Access to Social Care	

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Wards affected	[All wards]

Summary

- 1.1 In order to provide the context for the Health Scrutiny Panel's theme of access to health and social care this report introduces the key issues around adults and children's social care services, detailing what the key challenges impacting residents access to social care services are and how the council is trying to improve access to these services for residents.
- 1.2 This report forms part of the 'setting the scene' agenda item. This agenda item aims to allow the Health Scrutiny Panel to collect community intelligence on access to health and social care, scrutinise the key issues restricting access to health and social care services, and develop and understanding of how the pending changes to the NHS will impact access services.

Recommendations:

The Health Scrutiny Sub Committee is recommended to:

1. Collect community intelligence on the theme of access to health and social care.
2. Understand what the key issues restricting service access to health and social care services are.
3. Develop and understanding of the pending changes to the NHS and the likely impact this will have on the way residents access services.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 There is no decision to be made.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1. This details the main barriers for residents accessing effective social care from the Local Authorities perspective. The report discusses how the Local Authority is responding to social, economic and political challenges to improve access to social care services for residents.

3.2. Moreover it discusses how the implementation of the Care Act has impacted on residents access to social care service and how the integration agenda has improved access to health and social care services

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

4.1 There are no current financial implications to this presentation. Recommendations from future reviews will be reported separately and any financial implications arising will be considered in the context of the outcomes based 2017/18 to 2019/20 medium term financial strategy

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

5.1 There are no current legal implications to this presentation.

5.2 Any recommendations from future reviews will be reported separately and any legal implications arising will be considered in those reports.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 This report forms part of the HSCs scrutiny of the theme of access to health and social care services. This theme was chosen in order to identify where there are areas of inequality and poorer health outcomes, and make recommendations to improve these gaps. It allows for scrutiny of all community groups to recognise what the key barriers are for accessing health and social care services in LBTH.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no best value implications for this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 There are no sustainable actions for a greener environment in this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no risk management implications for this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no crime and disorder reduction implications for this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- State NONE if none [and state EXEMPT if necessary].

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- NONE

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