



Hounslow Social Services and Health Partnerships

Executive Summary for

Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Commissioning Strategy

2005/2008

July 2005

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

This Commissioning Strategy identifies the key national and local policy drivers and priorities for adult services and the commissioning actions that are needed.

The Commissioning Strategy has been jointly agreed by Hounslow Council and Hounslow Primary Care Trust and provides a clear sense of direction for the next three years. The strategy will be regularly reviewed and updated.

Principles

The key principles at the heart of the strategy are:-

- Independence, self-management, choice and control for people with disabilities
- Inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life
- Provision of services to support people to live independent and fulfilling lives

Needs

According to the 2001 census Hounslow has 18,269 adults aged between 18 & 64 who have a long term illness, health problems or disability that limits daily activities or work. There are estimated to be 7,814 adults with a mild or moderate deafness and 363 severely deaf people. Adults with a visual impairment are estimated to total 565.

The figures above should be treated with caution. In addition, the presence of a disability or sensory impairment does not necessarily equate to a need for additional support from public services.

Commissioning Priorities

Priorities for 2005/06 are:-

- Re-tendering of domiciliary care services and re-focussing of in house services to meet complex or specialist needs
- Re-tendering of community equipment and wheelchair services
- Developing protocols to support transition from childhood to adulthood and to assist with forward planning
- Improving partnership arrangements to support strategic planning
- Developing systems to support self management

Priorities for 2006/08 include:-

- Developing a single assessment process
- Using modern technology to support independent living
- Developing the modern matron role
- Implementing a housing strategy

**For a copy of the Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment
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