

Public Questions: Adults and Safeguarding Committee - 31 July 2014

No.	Questioner	Question	Response
1	Keren Lewin / Janet Leifer	<p>How will the Committee ensure that the level of resources invested in early intervention and prevention will not result in the most vulnerable and dependent seeing their care services reduced so that more money can be spent in the area of early intervention and prevention? (Refers to Agenda item 7 Business Plan Early intervention and prevention 1.17)</p>	<p>London Borough of Barnet is committed to responding to people's desire to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible and their preference to maintain independence from statutory services and support wherever possible.</p> <p>The Committee's Commissioning Plan will need to ensure that sufficient budget is allocated to ensure the Council's statutory duties continue to be met and that the needs of the most vulnerable are met.</p>
2	Keren Lewin / Janet Leifer	<p>Frail older people and those with long term conditions will reach a stage whereby prevention is not enough and they will need a high level of professional care. How will the Council ensure there is sufficient funding to deliver the services these very vulnerable people will need? (Refers to Agenda item 7 Business Plan. Person centred integrated care 1.26; 1.27).</p>	<p>Local Government Social Care and NHS Healthcare have statutory obligations to ensure that needs are met for the most vulnerable. The Council will seek to deliver those statutory obligations and to have systems in place to ensure those services are safe and provide the best quality they can, within the resources provided.</p> <p>The opportunities for savings taken forward through the Commissioning Plan will need to ensure sufficiency of funding remains for these services.</p>
3	Keren Lewin / Janet Leifer	<p>How could the Council working more effectively with Carers reduce the need for adult social care in some cases? (Refers to Agenda item 7 Business Plan. Carers 1.37)</p>	<p>The provision of improved support, advice and services to carers will help to reduce the number of carers who feel they can no longer cope and will also help us to work with carers to plan times when they are able to take breaks, or provide breaks for those they care for.</p> <p>Working with carers to better understand needs and to offer tailored advice and support will help them to look</p>

			<p>after those that they care for. Improved support of this kind may mean that carers are enabled to correctly identify new signs or symptoms of health needs earlier (e.g. developing pressure sores or changes in memory) which could be treated without recourse to long term statutory care, if addressed early.</p>
4	Keren Lewin / Janet Leifer	<p>In what way will the workforce be changed to meet the need of the Commissioning Plan? (Refers to Agenda item 7 Business Plan, Workforce 1.39)</p>	<p>Workforce changes cannot be confirmed at this point. Many of the issues to be addressed through the Commissioning Plan will have workforce implications and these will be worked up over the coming months.</p>