

Summary overview of the Green Paper – No Voice Unheard, No Right Ignored

The aim of the Green Paper is to tackle the barriers and issues that have hindered the scale and pace of change following the Winterbourne View enquiry and concordat. It proposes a number of measures to further strengthen rights and representation for those needing support from the health and care sector to live well in the community. The fundamental principles are personal independence, choice and community provision and giving very clear accountability and responsibility throughout the system.

- **Putting people in charge of their life, supported by family and friends** – proposals include a named professional in charge of sharing information with individuals, families or carers, including their right to challenge care decisions.
- **Strengthening the challenges in the system to people being sent to hospital** – making it much harder to admit people to institutions by default and offering better support in the community.
- **Helping people live independently and be part of their communities** - proposed a specific duty for CCGs and local authorities to consider and plan to ensure there is enough community based support and treatment services. This includes local authorities and commissioners improving provision in local markets and involving people with learning disabilities (LD) and Autism and their families and carers with all parts of the procurement process.
- **Making sure people receive the right care in the right place** by putting their needs at the heart of the decision making process.
- **Whether there should be changes to the Mental Health Act** in the way it applies to people with learning disabilities and autism.
- **Giving very clear accountability and responsibility throughout the system.**

The Green paper also proposes a model of shared funding to help people leave hospital sooner or prevent them from being admitted. It also proposes an expansion of the right to personal health budgets and strengthening of advocacy and safeguarding for those unable to articulate their care needs and concerns.

Consultation on the paper closes on 29th May 2015; responses are being co-ordinated by the London LD commissioners' network, with a group of commissioners from London sectors leading on specific sections. We will also be working through the Learning Disability Partnership Board with people with learning disabilities and Autism and family members and carers and local providers to consider the proposals.