

**Amendment to Opposition motion: The right to independent living (agenda item 14.8) in the name of Cllr Reema Patel**

**Amendment by: Cllr Sachin Rajput  
The right to independent living**

Replace with the following (additions in bold)

**Council notes extremely low levels of admissions to our care homes, compared with other boroughs in London.** Council reaffirms its commitment to the right to independent living for all Barnet's elderly and disabled people.

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**Amendment by: Cllr Jo Cooper**  
**The right to independent living**

Add at the end:

Council reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that in care planning assessments each social care user's need is understood in relation to wellbeing as set out in Section 1(2) of the Care Act.

Council acknowledges its legal duty under the Care Act, Section 9 (4), that assessment of needs must be done by reference to the nine dimensions of wellbeing as set out in Section 1(2) of the Care Act.

This means that:

"A needs assessment must include an assessment of:

- (a) The impact of the adult's needs for care and support on the matters specified in section 1(2),
- (b) The outcomes that the adult wishes to achieve in day-to-day life."

Council instructs the Adults & Safeguarding Committee to continue to promote the right to independent living for all residents.

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**Amendment by: Cllr Paul Edwards**  
**The right to independent living**

Add at the end:

Council notes the recent paper from the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) that argues that care plans should record unmet need and be focused on independent living.

Council also notes that the BASW paper is now out to consultation with social workers and encourages all LB Barnet social care staff to respond to the online consultation.

Council also instructs officers to bring a report to the next Adults & Safeguarding Committee on the BASW proposals on wellbeing, assessment, eligibility and care, so that these can be considered by the Committee ready for any LB Barnet response to forthcoming Government reforms to adult social care.

<https://www.basw.co.uk/media/news/2019/oct/basw-england-consultation-future-adult-social-care>

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