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**OPHA - Developing Memory Assessment Services in Harrow**  
**Opening Remarks**

- Ageing population - 13.6% of Harrow residents are over the age of 65 – the highest proportion of elderly residents in the North West London sector.
- People know what they want – managing expectations.
- Demand high standards.
- Increased awareness of dementia.

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Current Model Day Assessment Unit**

- Commissioned Day Assessment Unit for a limited number of users.
- Outdated model of care.
- Low activity. As at May 2013, 22 people attending (5-7 patients each day) with a daily cost of £1,067.
- Needs of the patients would be better met by a range of alternative local health and social care services in the community.



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What will Happen to Patients Currently Using the Day Assessment Service?**

- Joint working with Social Services to avoid any impact on patients discharged from the Day Assessment Unit.
- Increased input from the Harrow Community Mental Health Team (CMHT), including a Recovery Worker.
- Therapeutic interventions currently delivered to the 22 patients at the Day Assessment Unit will be continued as part of the CMHT and Memory Services.
- CNWL to work in partnership with Local Authority and voluntary organisations to provide enhanced support groups with a therapeutic focus.



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**Demand for Memory Assessment Services**

- Estimated prevalence of late-onset dementia in Harrow:
  - Over 65 years of age = 1 in 14 people
  - Over 80 years of age = 1 in 6 people
  - Over 90 years of age = Nearly 1 in 3 people
- Confirming the diagnosis of dementia at an early stage reduces stress and uncertainties of patients and carers.
- Memory Service set up in response to the older adult population in Harrow with more referrals from primary care for memory assessments.



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**Current Model Memory Assessment Service**

- The current Harrow Memory Clinic is very small and offers a limited service to people with memory problems. Redistribution of funding could allow us to offer memory assessment, diagnosis and treatment to approximately **350 people per year**.
- The waiting time for memory assessment in Harrow is currently 31 weeks from referral to assessment. Average number of referrals received each month = 28.
- Current model is limited and not meeting the demand.



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