

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 7 JANUARY 2016

## AGENDA PART 1

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask the Chair a question on any matter within the terms of reference of the Panel

#### Public Question 1

**Questioner:** Abdi Gure

**Asked of:** Councillor Anne Whitehead, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

**Question:** ‘In the Home Office Report The welfare of vulnerable people in police custody (March 2015), for which Harrow was one of the areas inspected, there is a recommendation **C. Mental health and vulnerable adults** which states:

**Recommendation 11**

Police forces should be included as members of all Health and Wellbeing Boards in England and equivalent local partnership boards in Wales. These local bodies should have a local

focus on reducing unnecessary use of police custody through inter-agency needs assessment and service planning. This will be supported in practice by:

- establishing a sub group focused on custody for each local body; and
- clarifying accountabilities between these local oversight bodies and those with responsibility for commissioning services, both in the NHS and in local authorities.

What actions will the Harrow Health & Wellbeing Board, coordinating with the Harrow Local Safeguarding Adults & Children’s Boards, take to respond to this recommendation and ensure that the many serious concerns raised and evidenced in the report about the safe and fair custody of vulnerable adults and young people with mental health problems are urgently addressed?’