

## **CABINET**

**15 MAY 2008**

### **AGENDA PART I**

#### **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 6)**

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.

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**Questioner:** Councillor Margaret Davine

**Asked of:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing

**Question:** The Adult and Housing Transformation Programme being considered at the Cabinet tonight lists one of the Adult Social Care performance targets at 2.12.1 – ‘increase all service users with PCPs by 50% by March 2010’. Would the Portfolio Holder please tell us both the total number of service users and how many service users currently have person-centred plans?

**Answer:** Thank you for not being too brutal tonight on me. The total number of service users is approximately 4000 persons and that's spread across all client groups and all ages.

Currently person-centred planning is only being implemented within learning disability services as per the Valuing People Policy, although we do adopt person-centred approaches in other client groups such as the Care Programme Approach in Mental Health Services.

The total number of learning disability service users currently stands at 389, which is broken down into 226 community-based, 156 private residential, seven in nursing care, and the source of that is the RAP P1 Form 2007/08, and the number of those with person-centred Plans is approximately 70, representing 18% of the total.

I hope that that answers your question.

**Supplemental question** I welcome this move to implement a more personalised adult social care system in Harrow, but do you not think, in the light of the large number of all users and the small number of currently person-centred plans held by them, the target of 50% for them over three years is quite small, if we're really going to implement this transformation plan and turn the service around. I notice for learning disabilities you've got 100%, so that would probably take you further than that anyway. So I just really wanted you to acknowledge that's quite a small amount – 50% of 70, and hope you would like to have a more stretching target.

**Supplemental answer** I think it represents a real step-change from where we are at the moment, a real improvement going forward. In terms of looking at the individuals with learning disabilities having person-centred planning, that's really important to pick up on, because everybody has very different needs and clearly learning disabilities, that's very much more apparent and marked and we have to respond in that way. In terms of actually increasing the larger number which are in terms of going up towards about a 50% target and hopefully beyond, we are not trying to push people into this and we want to get people to actually choose to take this as a real option, to improve and make sure that the services being offered are the correct and appropriate services for them and making sure that they're helped to make that transition. So it is a target that we think is achievable, but it's one that we're not simply going to push onto people without thinking is it appropriate for the people to be taking up to the person-centred planning process.