

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TO: CABINET - 17th JULY 2008

FROM: COUNCIL – 10th JULY 2008

Petition Presented at Council

1. At the meeting of Council held on 10 July 2008, a petition was presented by Ms Ann Freeman, containing **112 signatures** of residents. The terms of the petition were as follows:-

Transfer of Residential Services run by Harrow Consortium for Special Needs (HCSN) to Support for Living

We, the undersigned, strongly urge the Cabinet to reconsider its decision to transfer residential services run by Harrow Consortium for Special Needs (HCSN) to Support for Living on the following grounds:

1. There has been no communication or consultation with residents and carers in the affected units or wider learning disability and mental health communities regarding the proposed transfer. (see statutory requirement in Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) November 2007 report of 7 Kenton Road – “The provider must make sure that residents, staff and the Commission are consulted about future plans for the service especially where this may involve closure or changes to the homes registration”. CSCI’s deadline of 31.03.08 not complied with).
 2. To enter a block contract for residential and supported living with one provider will severely limit service user accommodation options and totally conflicts with the Council’s Adult & Housing Transformation Plan and Recommendation 15 of Harrow PCT’s Mental Health Partnership Board’s MH Needs Assessment.
 3. The contract was not subjected to a tendering process that would ensure transparency and value for money.
2. Council received the petition and referred it to the Cabinet for consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

1. Petition submitted to the Council meeting held on 10 July 2008.
2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 July 2008.

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