



Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 27th November 2012

Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Health services for people with Learning Disabilities – A report from Brent MENCAP

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Brent Mencap has campaigned locally to reduce health inequalities, promote better understanding of the needs of people with learning disabilities and engage with health service partners on providing services for people with learning disabilities. Nationally it is known that people with learning disabilities have greater levels of health need and receive a poorer service from healthcare providers than the general population.
- 1.2 Brent MENCAP has carried out work with NHS Brent to train GPs, hospital staff and community staff about the health needs of People with Learning Disabilities. A report was presented to the committee in March 2012 setting out the results of the project and some of the key challenges facing those with learning disabilities accessing healthcare.
- 1.3 It was agreed to follow up this work in November 2012 to look at two issues:
 - The NHS health check day being organised by NHS Brent, which will involve MENCAP
 - How MENCAP has been able to build on the initial project to train NHS staff members on working with people with learning disabilities.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the Brent MENCAP update report and question officers on their progress.

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