

Haringey Draft MTFs: research questions not asked

1. *What data do you have on the needs of social care user groups now and over the next 20 years?*

EqIAs (Equality Impact Assessments) provide basic data on future numbers of people needing care. We know that these numbers are increasing as an aspect of the ageing population and for others reasons, eg improving physical health.

*Do you have more fine-grained data, eg what are the numbers of Elderly, LD, PD and MI people with substantial and critical needs (for which Haringey has a statutory duty to provide)?*

2. *What data do you have on carers of social care users in Haringey?*

The EqIAs give no data on the demographic structure of carers in Haringey or on their specific needs - yet the council has a duty to provide for their needs and so should have data on them

In broad terms we know that carers of adult users are getting older as part of the aging population, that there is a higher prevalence of stress-related disorders, mental illness, and morbidity, etc. compared with the general population. In the medium-term carers are getting less able to care.

Trends 1 and 2 are diverging - growing numbers with complex needs and declining numbers of carers fit for the task - leading to a critical worsening of family care resources. Is the council taking these worsening trends into account in planning its social care budget up to 2018?

3. *What information do you have on the impact of the sale of social care buildings on actual and potential users and carers over the next 20 years?*

For example, what impact will the closure of 5 residential homes and 5 day centres since 2011, with the addition of 6/7 day centres and two residential homes between now and 2018, have on users and carers (if proposed closures for 6/7 day centre and 2 residential homes go ahead)?

Has the council got any evidence that their new proposals will be sufficient to meet the growing needs of social care users when viewed against the growing needs of social care groups, the declining capacity of carers and the move to building-less care?

Will a mid-term strategy based on asset-less care by 2018 be sufficient to meet the demographic crisis affecting carers and social care users in Haringey?

4. *What research has the council undertaken to assess the appropriateness of reablement-based provision for present and future groups needing social care?*

