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Predictive Equality Impact Assessment (PEIA) (V.2)
FOR ALL COUNCIL DECISIONS ONLY**



Title of report or proposal:

Proposed Allocation of Carers' Grant 2007-08

Describe in full the aims, objectives and purpose of the proposal, including desired outcomes:

The report outlines the proposed allocation of the Carers' Grant of 2007-08 in line with the local priorities set out in the Carers' Strategy 2005-10.

The Carers' Grant is provided by central government to enable Council's to provide support services to those caring for vulnerable friends and relatives.

Funding has been allocated to services best able to achieve the outcomes for carers in the borough in line with the Carers' Strategy. These outcomes are around providing carers with:

- A voice
- Information
- Time off
- Emotional support
- Financial security
- Recognition, and health and well-being
- Quality services
- A vibrant and dynamic Carers' Centre

It is recommended that the proposed allocation be approved.

Department:

Community Services Department

Form and report MUST be checked and countersigned by the Principal Policy Officer (Organisational Development)

Officer Responsible: ***(to be completed by the report author)***

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Signed off by Pinakin Patel at **11.46** on **12/07/07**. Email pinakin.patel@lbhf.gov.uk Tel 020 8753 5727

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Who are the main people that this decision will affect?

Unpaid, informal carers of vulnerable people (those with learning or physical disabilities, mental health needs and older people) and the people they care for. Staff employed to deliver services which have been commissioned through the Carers' Grant. Voluntary sector providers who are funded to provide these services for carers on behalf of the council.

2. Identify the risks that could prevent the planned outcomes

1. If the proposed allocation is not approved, there is a risk that ongoing services will not be able to

continue.

2. There is a risk that service providers will not provide service of the required quality. To mitigate this risk services are regularly monitored and reviewed.

3. Could the proposal have a positive impact on **a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups?** (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring?)

a) One of the services funded has a remit to do outreach work with groups from black and ethnic communities, as carers from those groups traditionally do not seek support.

b) e) A high proportion of carers are older people and/or have long-term disabling conditions themselves.

c) A disproportionate number of carers are women.

4. Could the proposal have a negative impact on **a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups?** (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring,?)

There is no evidence that the proposal would result in a negative impact on any of these groups.

5. Can any negative impact of the decision be justified?

N/a

6. If you have undertaken any internal/ external research or consultation(s) please list these below:

Carers were involved in developing the five year Carers' Strategy which covers the period from 2005-2010.

Carers are also represented on the Carers' Strategy Steering Group, which is the commissioning body for the Carers' Grant, and where the outcomes from Carers' Grant funding for 2006-07 and proposals for 2007-08 were presented and discussed. The Carers' Grant allocation for the year has been made based on how the individual services have contributed to the achievement of the outcomes set out in the Carers' Strategy, hence supporting carers to continue in their caring role.

Carers are also regularly consulted on the development of services through the Carers' Forum which meets quarterly.

7. Do you need to undertake any further consultation? If so, what and with whom?

The allocation of the Carers' Grant and the services funded through it will continue to be regularly discussed at the Carers' Strategy Steering Group. Carers will also continue to be consulted through the Carers' Forum.

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