

# Brokers for change:

## Giving nine young people greater choice and control

Adult Social Services and Barnet Mencap have worked together to give nine young adults with learning disabilities an exciting opportunity to take control over their social care. We told them roughly how much money was available to them for social care support, and then helped them decide how to spend this money in a way that met their needs and aspirations.

**This made a real difference to the lives of those young people and their families, who often chose activities available to anyone in Barnet, instead of traditional social care services.**

### Felix Chow

The Chow family feel that the full programme of 'tailored' activities they developed through this project will help Felix (pictured with his personal assistant Kevin Gardner) develop and maybe eventually leave home.

Felix's father said "This project has opened a door for Felix... he is much happier and really looks forward to his days. Also, because he has the same support, we can get feedback on what he has been doing and how he is getting on. Before that, apart from one and a half days in college, Felix was sitting at home watching TV all day".

### Richard Cooper

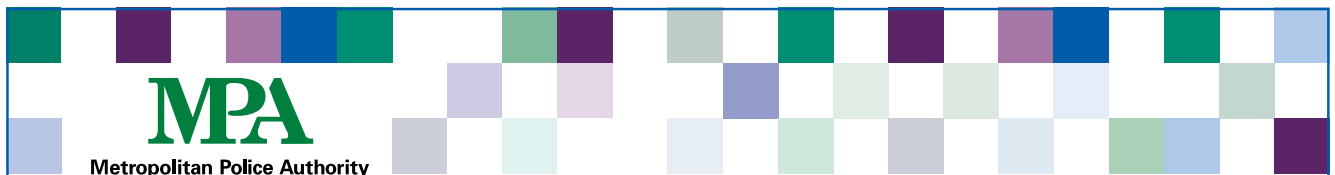
Richard's family feel that the project has given Richard new opportunities. These have included helping Richard's health and social inclusion through providing him with time at the gym and buying him second-hand golf clubs, so that he can spend time with his father.



### Joshua Appadoo

Before he got a personal budget, Josh had been quite isolated. Now, he is excited by new opportunities, such as spending a small amount of his budget learning to play the guitar, which will help him develop his skills and become independent.

His mother says that they learnt a lot about what help is available from the project, which helped them stop 'muddling along'.



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## POLICING IN BARNET

### How are your local police performing?

The Metropolitan Police Authority regularly monitors how well London's police are performing to ensure our communities receive the most efficient and effective service.

**For the sixth consecutive year crime in London is falling and detection rates rising. Total recorded crime for 2007/08 is at a ten year low.**

#### How did Barnet perform during 2007/08?



**Total recorded crime in Barnet is down 10.9% – that's 3,275 fewer crimes**

### Priorities for 2008/09

Barnet will be focusing on:

- Reducing youth violence by 5.3%
- Reducing knife crime by 5.1%
- Reducing gun crime by 5%
- Reducing robbery by 1%
- Reducing residential burglary by 8.4%

### Have your say

Are the police focusing on areas that are important to you? Make your voice heard by taking part in the consultation for the 2010/11 London wide policing priorities. Log on to the MPA website to participate

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