

Adults and Safeguarding Committee

The Adults and Safeguarding Committee is responsible for promoting the best possible Adult Social Care services, working with partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board to promote integration of social care with health, and ensuring that the council’s safeguarding responsibilities are taken into account.

Introduction:

We work with health, housing, education and other services to meet people’s care and support needs and help them to stay as independent as possible. We do this by focusing on people’s strengths: on what people can do and how they can help themselves. We are diversifying Barnet’s accommodation offer to help more people to live independently, through increasing supported living for younger adults and building new extra care facilities for older people. We have transformed our day care provision, so people can access employment and volunteering. We have integrated our social care services with health services. We have implemented innovative technology services and evidence-based prevention support to help people stay as independent as possible. We encourage active and healthy lifestyles to reduce demand on adult social services and are improving the borough’s leisure facilities, parks, and open spaces to support this.

The national and local context for adult social care is one of increasing need for services at the same time as available funding through revenue support grant has been decreasing. There has been national recognition of the need for a longer-term sustainable funding solution for adult social care and a government green paper addressing this issue is expected in the near future. Barnet Council has sought to increase investment in adult social care, through application of the social care precept, review of its contribution policies and investment from council reserves of £12.3m from 2016/17 to 2018/19. The additional funding announced in the autumn 2018 budget will help balance the council’s adult social care budget in 2019/20. However, beyond this there is no certainty of funding and insufficient funding in the system to meet levels of demand. This means that Barnet adult social care must focus on meeting its statutory duties alongside meeting the legal requirements of the council to remain on a sound financial footing. We will do this by ensuring that we meet eligible needs cost-effectively and that all investment in commissioned services enables better management of demand.

Committee Priorities for 2019-2024

Corporate priority	How we will deliver this by 2024
Integrating health and social care and providing support for those with mental health problems and complex needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with local NHS organisations, GPs and NHS Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group to provide more health and care services closer to home Working with the NHS to achieve timely discharge from hospital for patients Offering, and signposting to, prevention support for people to stay active and more independent in the community Developing joined up services for those with complex mental health needs to prevent crisis and to enable residents to fulfil their potential
Supporting those with disabilities, older, and vulnerable residents to remain independent and have a good quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening new extra care schemes for people that need additional support to remain living independently Providing enablement services that help people regain or increase their independence Using technology to enhance people’s independence and assist with care Offering support for carers of people with dementia Providing equipment that allows people to stay more independent at home

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<p>Encouraging residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles and maintain their mental wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering new indoor and outdoor sporting facilities and enhancing existing sporting facilities • Giving residents access to health and wellbeing information and activities through the Fit and Active Barnet (FAB) framework • Completing the implementation of the new leisure contract (which includes a range of well-being services such as; the Fit & Active Barnet Card, weight management services, falls prevention, dementia friendly sessions). • Supporting people to maintain and improve their mental health and wellbeing by raising awareness, tackling stigma and discrimination and making mental health everyone’s business
<p>Additional committee priority</p>	<p>How we will deliver this by 2024</p>
<p>Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse and neglect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partners to safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect through a multi-agency approach, including the establishment of a new multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH)
<p>Efficient delivery of statutory duties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that statutory duties are met whilst promoting financial sustainability