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News and information for disabled people in Lambeth

'HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE STRATEGY' SPECIAL ISSUE



IT'S GOOD TO TALK... AND TO LISTEN!

We need your views on the services you would like to see being developed over the next five years. The consultation programme will include a special event, smaller meetings and discussion groups and ways of giving your ideas and comments by phone, in writing, by email and through the Internet. This Mole includes a feedback form to get things started with a chance to win gift vouchers in a prize draw. More details on 6 & 7.

Lambeth has launched the first stage of consultation on a new Joint Strategy for Services for People with Physical and Sensory Impairments.

The Strategy will cover the period 2010 - 2015 and will be mainly about the needs of adults aged 18 - 64. DASL is one of the key partners of Lambeth Council and NHS Lambeth in this project. We will all be working hard to make sure that disabled people are fully involved in deciding the priorities for the Strategy.

This special issue of the Mole tells you more about the Strategy and the different ways in which you can have your say.

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A new Physical & Sensory Impairment Strategy

Why do we need a strategy?

Social care, health and other services for younger people with physical and sensory impairments are not as well developed in Lambeth as they should be. People have problems finding out what services are available and accessing them, the quality of many existing services is not good enough, there are gaps in what is available and there need to be new types of services which are more relevant to people and which give them more choice and control.

Lambeth's existing strategy for disabled people runs out in 2009 and there must be a new one to set priorities for how the Council and NHS Lambeth invest in services over the next five years. We must get this strategy right to ensure that people's needs are

met better and to make sure that the limited money available is used in the right way.

What has happened so far?

The Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board is responsible for overseeing the development of the new Strategy. It has done a lot of preparatory work in the past 9 months to research needs, map current services and gaps in what is available and think about what might be done in future. A draft Strategy has now been produced - this can only be taken to the next stage with the full participation of disabled people.

What happens next?

- We want to know what younger people with physical and sensory impairments who use services and those who don't think should be in the Strategy. During June and July we want to gather as wide a range of views, comments and ideas as we can. The Strategy will then be re-written ready for a formal 3 month consultation period from September to December 2009.

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Alex McTeare is the Assistant Director of Commissioning for Disabilities and Older People in Lambeth Adults' and Community Services. Alex and David Strong of DASL are the Co-Chairs of the Lambeth Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board. Alex is leading Lambeth Council's work on the new strategy and we invited her to introduce it to Mole readers.

"The Lambeth Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board have been working hard over the recent months to develop the first draft of a new 5-year commissioning strategy for adults aged 18-64 with physical and/ or sensory impairment.

We have been gathering as much relevant information as we can to include in the strategy, and to give us some clear information about the needs of people with physical and sensory impairment living in Lambeth. This will help us decide how health and council services can ensure that we are providing a range of services to help people to be as



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independent
and well as
possible.

It is vital

that we get as much information as possible from people aged 18-64 with physical and sensory impairment themselves, to really make sure that their voices are heard, and their needs are reflected in the strategy.



We are inviting people to take part in the development of the strategy over the next few weeks, and hope that you will attend as many of the scheduled events as possible, and also respond to the questionnaire which is enclosed with this edition of The Mole.

We will use the information we gather to develop a final version of the strategy, which we will consult on again in the autumn, before the final strategy is launched in 2010.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible through the consultation process."

What's in the draft strategy?

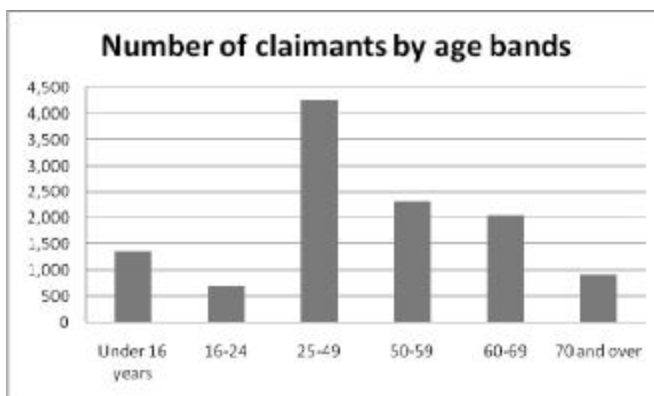
The draft strategy is divided into twelve chapters:

1) Introduction

- Vision, principles and intended outcomes
- The social model of disability
- Who is included in the commissioning strategy

2) Lambeth's residents with physical and sensory impairments

- Outlines the facts about disabled people in Lambeth



Number of DLA claimants in Lambeth

3) Information & communication

- Information and advice
- Advocacy

4) Being healthy and independent

- Prevention of ill health
- Maintaining independence
- Intermediate Care
- Rehabilitation and enablement (e.g. stroke care services, equipment, etc)

- Managing long-term conditions
- End of life care
- Joined up services (e.g moving from children's to adult services)

5) Enjoy and achieve

- Sport, leisure, culture, parks



6) Transport

- Accessible public transport
- Specialist transport for disabled people (e.g. Taxi-card scheme, disabled parking)
- Pavements and roads

7) Making a positive contribution

- Education and training
- Involvement in the community
- Volunteering
- Collective voices
- Complaints
- Freedom from discrimination and harassment

8) Economic wellbeing

- Employment
- Benefits



9) Quality of care provided

- Quality of health care services
- Choice and control over health care services
- Quality of social care services
- Choice and control over social care services (e.g. Self Directed Support; direct payments)
- Treated with respect and dignity

10) Staying safe

- Risk management
- Personal safety (including domestic violence)
- Safety at home
- Crime and fear of crime including Hate Crime

11) Housing

- Housing supply, demand and access
- General housing for people with physical and sensory impairments
- Supported housing
- Residential and nursing care

12) Carers

- Services for carers of people with physical and sensory impairments



Read the draft strategy in full on DASL's website
at <http://tinyurl.com/kp6dyh>

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

We want everyone who has views and ideas to help to make the Strategy relevant to the needs of people with physical and sensory impairments in Lambeth. Without the full participation of disabled people it will simply not do the job we need it to do. Here's how you can get involved in this stage of the consultation which runs until the end of July.



SPECIAL CONSULTATION EVENT MONDAY 6th JULY

The main consultation event will be at Lambeth Town Hall on Monday 6th July from 11am - 3pm. We want as many people with physical and sensory impairments as possible to come and join in the round table discussions and tell us what they would like to see in the new Strategy. Carers of people with physical and sensory impairments and those who work with them are also welcome. Refreshments and lunch will be provided and there will be BSL signers and plenty of support for people to make sure they can take a full part in the day. If you need help with transport this is available. The event is being organised by Lambeth Council. Please call **Freephone 0800 013 1497** or email acs-consultation@lambeth.gov.uk in advance if you have any communication, transport or dietary requirements. Otherwise, there is no need to book - just come along on the day. We look forward to welcoming you.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STRATEGY?

Because of all the important things which the new strategy has to deal with the current draft is a long and quite complicated document. We have summarised the contents on pages 4 and 5 to give you an idea of what it contains. **You do not have to read the strategy to take part in the consultation : at this stage we want to get your own ideas and opinions which we will then use to improve the strategy.** If you do want to look at a copy you can find it on Lambeth Council's website at www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/CouncilDemocracy/Consultations or on DASL's website at <http://tinyurl.com/kp6dyh>. There is also a separate "Evidence Report" which has a lot of additional useful information relevant to the strategy.

HOW ELSE CAN I HAVE MY SAY ON THE STRATEGY?

Return the enclosed questionnaire to DASL in the pre-paid envelope by 24th July - you have a chance of winning a prize as well if you do! If you didn't get a questionnaire ring us on 020 7642 2054 and we'll send you one.



Join the discussion forum on DASL's website to share your views. Just go to www.disabilitylambeth.org.uk/yoursay and take it from there!



RICHARD IS HERE TO HELP!

DASL's User Involvement Worker, Richard Farnos, has an important role in supporting people with physical and sensory impairments to get involved in the strategy. Some of the ways he can help include :



- * Talking to you on the phone if you need help to complete the questionnaire
- * Telling you more about the strategy or listening to your views and ideas and passing them on
- * Visiting your community group to listen to what disabled people feel about services

Contact Richard on 020 7642 2054 or email him on richard.farnos@disabilitylambeth.org.uk

If you have something to get off your chest ring DASL's special strategy phone line - 020 7642 0038 - and record your comments. You don't have to leave your name if you don't wish to. We'll make sure we listen to what you say and pass it on.



Visit DASL's special page at <http://tinyurl.com/kp6dyh> for all the news on the strategy



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and community care

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Contact us on 020 7738 5656 for more details.

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