

**CARE SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

**QUESTIONS TO THE CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER  
FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Questions from Ms Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group**

**1. POST DIAGNOSIS DEMENTIA SUPPORT (item 8(d)).**

The proposals in this report are very welcome, as the current provision is fragmented and inadequate, placing great stress on many carers.

- (a) Will the strategy include as standard, detailed support to claim support for all eligible benefits, in order to maximise access to services?

**Reply:**

It will be an explicit expectation that people receiving support through the service will be offered advice and assistance in claiming any benefits to which they may be entitled

- (b) How will users and carers be notified?

**Reply:**

All people who pass through the memory clinic will be referred automatically to the service. There will be a planned approach to contact people who have been diagnosed before this service commenced.

**2. ADULT HEALTH: EXERCISE ON REFERRAL (item 9)**

The reduced funding for 2015/16 is only £40k, which has reduced the capacity for people to enrol, despite over 25% of Bromley's residents being inactive in 2014 (achieving less than 30 minutes of exercise per week!

Why are so few resources and importance given to a key element in Public Health initiatives to reduce illness, disability and costs?

**Reply:**

Prioritisation has taken place across all Public Health services, and specifications have been amended to deliver greater efficiency. Although the budget for Exercise on Referral has been reduced, provisions have been put in place to ensure that the service is delivered to those who will benefit most and additional provision in the form of an exercise referral hub to sign post people to other activities e.g. walking has been funded within the budget.