

CARE SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE
10th March 2016

WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Written Questions to the Care Services Portfolio Holder received from Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group

1. With regard to Item 7o: Draft Joint Strategy for Carers, Appendix 1: National and Bromley Contexts (paragraph 27, Page 169)
 - a) How many:
 - i) adult carers are in poor health?
 - ii) hours of care a week do they provide?
 - b) How many:
 - i) carers over 64 are in poor health?
 - ii) hours of care a week do they provide?
 - c) How many:
 - i) adult carers rely on state benefits (excluding state pension)?
 - ii) are exempt from carers support charges?

Reply:

- a)
 - i) 5% of the respondents to the 2011 Census who identified themselves as unpaid carers also identified themselves as being in bad or very bad health. This includes under 18s. It is not possible to extract the number of over 18s within the timescale for responding to the question.
 - ii) The 2011 Census data shows:

Provision of care	Number of carers
Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	662
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	246
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	675
- b)
 - i) 2% of respondents to the 2011 Census aged over 65 who identified themselves as unpaid carers also identified themselves as being in bad or very bad health. It is not possible to extract the number over 64 within the timescale for responding to the question.
 - ii) The 2011 Census data shows:

Provision of care	Number of carers
Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	204
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	96
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	344

- c)
- i) Not known.
 - ii) Not known.
2. With regard to Item 7p: Changes to the Non Residential Contributions Policy: Consultation Response to Introduction of £15 return journey transport charge (paragraph 8, Page 189).

Together with Daycentre charges, this will bring the total costs for some users to nearly £50 per visit, or approx. £2,500 per annum for one visit a week.

How many users currently pay the full cost of Daycentre charges, although they have savings below:

- i) the £23,250 lowest statutory threshold?
- ii) £10,000?

Reply:

- i) There are 8 users with capital between £23,175 and £10,000 who currently pay for the full cost of their day care, some of which may also have to pay the full cost of the transport charges.

There are users who may have below £23,250 and have agreed to pay the full cost however we would not know how many there are of these as they do not provide their financial details.

- ii) There are 43 users with capital below £10,000 currently paying the full cost of their day care. Approximately 32 of which may also have to pay the full cost of the transport charges.

3. 82% of respondents to the survey said that this charge was unfair and may prevent them from using transport (paragraph 4.3)
- a) How many current users are expected to withdraw from the service?
 - b) What will be the outcomes for users and carers?
 - c) Why is the 'Equalities Impact Assessment' not on the Council's website?

Reply:

- a) We are unable to answer this question at this stage as the proposed policy change has yet to be agreed or implemented.
- b) We are unable to answer this question at this stage as the proposed policy change has yet to be agreed or implemented. However, anyone who is identified as having unmet needs will be reviewed.
- c) The final equalities impact assessment on the revised policy is now published on the Council's website.