



News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 09/2011

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West London Children's Programme – Special Education Needs Provider Forum

The WLA held the West London Special Education Needs (SEN) Provider Forum on 8th November as part of work underway to launch the Programme to providers in different areas of the external placement market.

The SEN Provider Forum was well received with over 60 people attending from all over the country, including representatives from 35 schools and 8 boroughs. The Forum aimed to:

- Open a dialogue with providers;
- Increase awareness of the current pattern of provision and commissioning, of the scale of growth, in which sector, and relating to which needs;
- Improve commissioners awareness of the range of providers and prices available; and
- Stimulate the operation of an effective market.

To support these objectives an analysis was presented derived by combining our own data with published historic trend information drawn from National Statistics. This created a set of information previously unseen about commissioning patterns, what is influencing them, and how the market is responding. The WLA will follow this up with meetings with individual schools.

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West London Children's Programme - West London SEN Day School Fee Increase Survey

A survey of SEN Day Schools was carried out in October, which was the first step in co-ordinating the annual fee review. A good response rate of around 50% highlighted that there was additional capacity in independent special schools and that there was a willingness to reduce fees in return for increases in numbers or early warning of the number of placements likely to be made.

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West London Adult Social Care Programme - Future Gazing Workshop

The WLA recently hosted a workshop for Directors and Assistant Directors of Adult Social Care across the West London boroughs to develop new approaches to addressing the growing spend in Adult Social Care on residential care services. The overall aim is to deliver a Sub-Regional Commissioning Strategy that covers the demand for care over the next ten years. Four potential commissioning concepts were identified around: reshaping the West London care home market; changes to the adult care offer; sub-regional provision; and life coach workers.

The West London boroughs will be working to develop these emerging concepts over the coming months and will be looking to engage with providers, service users and their carers in the process.



West London Submission to the Outer London Commission

The WLA has responded to the Mayor's Outer London Commission's (OLC) invitation to make a submission about Outer West London on the key issues being addressed by the OLC.

Following the OLC meeting in public held in West London on the 1st November 2011, the WLA submitted a formal response to assist the OLC's considerations on Supplementary Planning Guidance to implement the policies of the London Plan published in July 2011. The submission is endorsed by the Outer West London boroughs (The London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow) with West London Business also broadly in support of these views.

A second associated submission summarises the views of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in relation to some of the key issues being considered by the OLC.

To view the background papers relating to the OLC meeting of 1st November, please click [here](#).

To read the WLA submission documents in full, please click [here](#).

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