

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
BOROUGH/VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ADVISORY GROUP**

12 JUNE 2007

REPORT BY THE TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MATTERS ARISING

This report provides an update on matters that were discussed at the meeting of the Advisory Group held on 20 March 2007 and which are not covered in other parts of the agenda.

FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Information sharing

- 2.1 Councillor Champion raised the issue of information sharing and how it related to Data Protection requirements.
- 2.2. Information sharing relating to clients of voluntary organisations working with Older People and in receipt of funding for 2007/08 is required by Adult Social Care in their Funding Agreements. This is an extension of similar requirements relating to adult Mental Health Services. Some concerns have been raised by the voluntary sector. As a consequence senior officers in Adult Social Care have sought clarification from Ingrid Wilson, Information Governance Manager within the Information Systems Division on the appropriateness of this clause.
- 2.3 Ms. Wilson has concluded that use of the clause does not breach the Data Protection Act.
- 2.4 She has taken into consideration the purpose of requiring client data from the funded organisations "to increase efficiency, meet central government requirements and improve overall services" and the need to have identified data to fulfil this. The requirement for data is negotiated individually with the agencies, and the identified data is not disclosed further.
- 2.5 Ms. Wilson does recommend that the Council carries out a check on the services to ensure that the users are being informed about the information sharing clause.

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Background papers: none.

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