

## HOW WELL DO WE PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY?

Following a recent incident when a person attending a day centre for people with learning disabilities fell down a manhole, members of CADDSS, a local group campaigning on behalf of disabled people in Barnet wrote to the Care Quality Commission and were shocked to discover from them that this statutory regulatory body has no brief to inspect or monitor day centres for people with learning disabilities in spite of their website saying 'we check a range of community based services'.

The day centre is run by Your Choice Barnet Ltd., whom CQC had criticised for not providing adequate training and support to staff working in Supported Living.

Apparently CQC focus only on where people live. This is a serious gap that needs to be filled. Such an omission must be remedied if we are to effectively safeguard vulnerable people who use such services.

We should like to know if CQC has plans to address this worrying anomaly?

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### Notes to the editor:

- ⤴ The Campaign Against the Destruction of Disabled Support Services (CADDSS for short) has been set up by Barnet residents to protest against deteriorating social care provision in the London Borough of Barnet.
- ⤴ Your Choice Barnet was set up by Barnet Council as part of the One Barnet Programme of outsourcing to provide services for adults with disabilities. It is failing financially and its proposed solution is to restructure services and reduce the number and skill level of staff.

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*CADDSS campaigns for good quality services for disabled Barnet residents.*