



# Co-operative Councils

## Innovation Network

### LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Brent Council

## **Brent Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing – Bringing Agencies Together**

Brent Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (CMARAC) provides the opportunity for agencies to come together to support vulnerable individuals living in Brent and help to enhance the services currently available.

#### Case Study

Mr Jones was referred to CMARAC by a local support group who believed he was being financially exploited by people known and unknown to him. There were people staying in his property and locking him out, leaving him to sleep on dirty mattresses which were dropped off outside.

Mr Jones' property was in a state of disarray with broken cupboards in the kitchen and a cooker that could not be used. The property was dirty, unkempt and unhygienic, making it detrimental to his wellbeing.

When Mr Jones went to the bank each week to collect his benefits money, people would go with him and he would give them his money. When he collected food from the foodbank people staying in the property would take his food leaving him going hungry. Mr Jones was regularly kicked out of the property so that people could enter the property to take drugs.

Pulling together a multi-agency team the CMARAC have supported Mr Jones in securing his property, in removing the individuals who were staying in his property, and have supported him in getting a referral for assessment of potential learning difficulties.

The CMARAC have supported agencies coming together including the local housing association, Mr Jones' local support group and the police in conducting a joint visit to the property to find out more about the people in that property and what could be done to support Mr Jones.

Mr Jones is taking back his property and independence with excellent support from his local support group who have been working tirelessly to support him in engaging with the other agencies involved, particularly his housing association, and have been particularly supportive in getting a referral for support with potential learning difficulties.

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