



Health Select Committee 6th December 2006

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

Wards Affected:
ALL

Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check 2006

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the Healthcare Commission's Annual Performance Ratings 2005/6 (Health check) for each of the local NHS trusts which serve Brent.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the committee note the performance reports from the Healthcare Commission and considers its role in responding to the self declarations of the individual trusts as part of the 2006/7 process.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Healthcare Commission's 'Annual Health Check' is a new system of assessment for all NHS trusts. It replaces the previous star ratings, measuring trust performance against the Department of Health's twenty four core standards (introduced in July 2004).
- 3.2 NHS trusts annually submit a "final declaration" to the Healthcare Commission regarding their performance against the core standards. Last year was the first year of operation, with assessments covering the period between April 1st 2005 and March 31st 2006.
- 3.3 NHS trusts are required to include unedited comments of Overview and Scrutiny committees in their final declarations. Overview and Scrutiny Committees, however, are not asked to 'sign off' a trust's declaration.
- 3.4 Comments are included – word for word – in the declarations to the Healthcare Commission. Trusts then forward their draft declarations to the

Healthcare Commission, who validate and review the comments. Declarations are then coded and translated to allow cross-checking with trust performance data.

- 3.5 The four local NHS trusts achieved the following classifications under the 2006 annual health check:

NHS Trust	Use of Resources	Quality of Services
Brent teaching Primary Care Trust	Fair	Fair
Northwest London Hospitals NHS Trust	Fair	Fair
Central and Northwest London Mental Health NHS Trust	Fair	Fair
London Ambulance NHS Trust	Good	Weak

Source: Healthcare Commission 2006.

- 3.6 Copies of the full summaries for each of the NHS trusts are attached to this report **Appendix (A)**.
- 3.7 A letter from the Healthcare Commission has been received by all Overview & Scrutiny Committees, **Appendix (B)** "*Commentary for the Annual Health Check*" 10.11.06.
- 3.8 Further information on this process can be found in **Appendix (C)** "*Engaging patients and the public in the annual health check: feedback to overview & scrutiny committees*", October 2006.
- 3.9 Further information and copies of the full reports can be found at: <http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/yourlocalhealthservices> or are available by request.

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