



Meeting: HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, 23rd October 2007
Time: 7.00 pm
**Venue: Committee Room 4, Second Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

Members	1st Alternates	2nd Alternates
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Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

1. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

p.1 2. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Health Select Committee:**

- 12th July 2007
- 3rd October 2007 (special)

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Deputations**

5. **Public and Patient Involvement Forum (PPIF) Update**

Mansukh Raichuria, Chair of the Brent tPCT Public & Patient Involvement Forum, will provide an update on the PPIF and raise any outstanding issues from the local trust forums.

p.11 6. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Healthcare for London – Joint London-Wide Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee is presented with a report outlining the proposed consultation process by NHS London on the findings of the recent '*Healthcare for London: A Framework for Action*' report. Details are also provided on the formal consultation request for the establishment of a London-wide Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC), and the Council's planned involvement in this body. The Brent tPCT Director of Strategic Commissioning and Chief Executive will both provide an update for members on this item, focusing on the tPCT approach and the role of the London Commissioning Group (LGC).

A tPCT Board Paper outlining the tPCT perspective on the establishment of a JHOSC (Appendix A) and a letter outlining the preliminary view of the London Scrutiny Officer Network (Appendix B) are included for information.



p.33 7. NHS Finances Panel – Update

The Chair will update members on the work of the NHS Finances Panel to date, as well as plans for future work.

A copy of the notes of the first meeting of the NHS Finances Panel held on 26th September 2007 are attached for information.

p.39 8. Work Programme – Review Scopes

Further to previous discussion on the Health Select Committee work programme for 2007/08, members suggested three possible scopes for areas of future review; (i) Diabetes, (ii) Dentistry, and (iii) Asthma and Allergies. Members are presented with papers outlining the review scope for each area, with suggestions as to how this work could be practically taken forward.

p.51 9. Report from the Director of Communications and Consultation

Establishing the LINKs (Local Involvement Networks) – Progress Report

This report provides members with an update on progress to establish a LINK (Local Involvement Network) in Brent. In his capacity as the Council's nominated LINKs officer, the Head of Consultation will update members on recent national guidance and local preparatory work underway to create a LINK in the borough. Members are asked to agree the report recommendations, including the nomination of a member to sit on the Brent LINKs stakeholder group.

10. Visits and Consultation Plan

As part of the Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check process, the Committee is required to provide a formal response to the 'self declarations' produced by local health trusts. At a previous meeting, it was agreed that visits to local healthcare facilities would be helpful in assisting the Committee's evidence gathering work, and members will be presented with suggested venues.

p.59 11. Brent Birthing Centre

Following the recent special meeting of the Health Selection Committee on 3rd October 2007, members are presented with a copy of the letter sent by the Chair to Fiona Wise, Chief Executive of North West London Hospitals Trust. This correspondence outlines the issues members would like to see included in the forthcoming consultation document on the Brent Birth Centre. Members are also asked to consider how the Committee should respond to the formal consultation by its December deadline.



p.61 12. GP Surgery Times

The issue of GP surgery opening times and access within Brent has previously been raised as an item for discussion by Committee members. Members are presented with recent GP patient survey data (Department of Health) for Brent and will be asked to consider how this issue can be addressed at future meetings.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Health Select Committee will take place on Thursday, 13th December 2007.

14. Any Other Urgent Business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager, or his representative, before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 65.



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