



Health Select Committee
13th December 2007

**Report from the
Director of Policy & Regeneration**

Brent Birth Centre- Consultation Response

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This item provides a draft response to the current consultation conducted by North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLHT) and Brent tPCT regarding the Brent Birthing Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members agree a formal response to the Brent Birth Centre consultation (as outlined in the draft in Appendix A).
- 2.2 That North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLHT) is invited back to this committee to update members in relation to the final decision taken.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In August 2007 North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLHT) wrote to this committee regarding proposals to change services at the Brent Birthing Centre based at Central Middlesex Hospital (Park Royal).
- 3.2 The NWLHT considered a paper "*Brent Birthing Centre- Future Services*" at its own Board in August 2007, outlining the main issues and possible options for changes to services.
- 3.3 A special committee meeting was held on the 3rd October 2007 to allow for full consideration of the proposals and to help shape elements of the final consultation document.
- 3.4 NWLHT launched its formal consultation on the 2nd November 2007. Copies of the consultation document were circulated to members of this committee and are readily available on the trust's website. The consultation will close on

the 8th February 2008. Two consultation events have been held by the trusts, one at Wembley Centre for Health and one at Central Middlesex Hospital, in November.

3.5 Members of this committee were asked to contribute comments by 23rd November 2007 to allow for an initial draft response to be put to this meeting (Appendix A).

3.7 Following any amendments the Chair will respond to the trust in writing, outlining the agreed position. This committee will request an update once a final decision has been made by the NWLHT board.

4.0 Documents (*available on request*)

"The future of Brent Birth Centre: A public consultation", NWLHT & Brent tPCT, November 2007.

"The future of Brent Birth Centre: A public consultation- Summary Leaflet", NWLHT & Brent tPCT, November 2007.

5.0 Appendices

(A) DRAFT "Health Select Committee (Overview & Scrutiny) Response to 'The Future of the Brent Birth Centre: A Public Consultation'", December 2007.

6.0 Further information

<http://www.nwlh.nhs.uk/brentbirth/>

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