



## Health Select Committee

10<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

## Brent Birth Centre

### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Members will recall that the Health Select Committee was asked to comment on the consultation process conducted by North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLHT) and Brent tPCT regarding the Brent Birthing Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital. Members are now asked to note the final decision and to endorse the final report and consultation process as fair and thorough.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note the final decision of the PCT Board in relation to Brent Birth Centre.
- 2.2 That the Health Select Committee endorses the final report and the consultation process as fair and thorough.

### 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 Health Select Committee meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007. Copies of the consultation document were circulated to members of this committee and were readily available on the trust's website. Two consultation events were held by the trusts, one at Wembley Centre for Health and one at Central Middlesex Hospital, in November. The consultation closed on the 8th February 2008.
- 3.5 At a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Members of the Health Select Committee agreed a response, which outlined the committee's position. (Appendix A).
- 3.6 The Chair received the attached letter on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (Appendix B) which sets out the PCT board's decision to support option four. This option members will recall proposed the transfer of the Brent Birth Centre to Northwick Park Hospital with antennal care being provided at Central Middlesex Hospital.
- 3.7 The final report detailing the responses to the consultation is attached (Appendix C) \_

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

B. Letter from NHL Hospital Trust to the Chair of Health Select Committee

C. The Future of Brent Birthing Centre – A Public Consultation. A report summarising responses to the consultation

#### **6.0 Further information**

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

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