

**Health Select Committee – 2008/09 Work Programme
Chair - Councillor Chris Leaman**

Health Select Committee – 16th December 2008				
Pre Meeting Planning		Post Meeting Actions		
Subject and Witness	Issue	Outcomes and Actions Arising	Responsible Officer	Deadline and Status
Feedback on Annual Health Check results – NHS Trusts	The Committee considered the Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check self assessments for each of the local NHS trusts at the meeting in April 2008. Feedback from the self assessments and the NHS Annual Performance ratings for 2007/08 will be presented to the committee so that members can follow these up.			
Feedback from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Andrew Davies, Policy and Performance Officer	The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet in October to discuss the formal response to their review from Healthcare for London. Details of this will be fed back to the Committee.			
Local Involvement Network (LINK) Host – Owen Thomson, Head of Consultation	The permanent LINK host will attend the meeting to outline to members its work plan for the coming 12 months			
Primary Care Strategy	The chair of the committee has asked that the PCT provide members with			

	details of their Primary Care Strategy.			
Urgent Care Centre	The Health Select Committee consider the outline proposals for an Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital at its meeting in June 2008. This follow up report will provide more detail on the service development. The Committee should make recommendations and comments direct to NHS Brent on this proposal.			
Local Area Agreement Targets	The Chair of the Committee is keen to have an overview of the LAA targets relating to health services, to consider whether they are being achieved, and if they aren't what is being done to improve performance.			
Access to Health Sites Task Group report – Andrew Davies	Final report of the task group, for committee approval.			

Health Select Committee – 3rd February 2009

Pre Meeting Planning		Post Meeting Actions		
Subject and Witness	Issue	Outcomes and Actions Arising	Responsible Officer	Deadline and Status
Consultation on acute stroke strategy	Healthcare for London will be consulting on plans for provision of stroke services in London. JOSOC arrangements are still to be confirmed, but the Health Select Committee may want to respond to the consultation.			
Consultation on plans to strengthen commissioning arrangements – joint acute strategy with Harrow PCT and NWL NHS Hospitals Trust.				
North West London NHS Hospitals Trust Finances	The Committee has asked for an update on the North West London NHS Hospitals Trust finances, following discussions at the committee meeting on the 19 th November.			

Health Select Committee – 1st April 2009

Pre Meeting Planning		Post Meeting Actions		
Subject and Witness	Issue	Outcomes and Actions Arising	Responsible Officer	Deadline and Status
Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check (AHC) – Andrew Davies, Policy and Performance Officer to co-ordinate	It is a requirement for Health Select Committee to consider the self declarations from each of the local NHS trusts, measuring performance against the Department for Health's core standards.			
Improving access to GPs in Brent	This item has been placed on the work programme so that the committee can follow up the access to GPs issues, previously considered in October 2008. NHS Brent has produced an action plan that is being implemented across the borough, The committee should follow up progress on this work.			

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Proposed Item	Issue for Health Select Committee	Meeting
Health and Social Care Services in the Community – Marco Inzani, Head of Strategic Commissioning, Brent PCT	<p>Brent PCT are to start a consultation on providing health and social care services in the community to increase patient access as well as potentially improve outcomes and make financial savings.</p> <p>Full options and proposals will be presented to the Committee. Brent PCT is looking for the Health Select Committee's comments and endorsement as part of the pre consultation exercise.</p>	
Feedback on Annual Health Check results	The Committee considered the Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check self assessments for each of the local NHS trusts at the meeting in April 2008. Feedback from the self assessments and the NHS annual performance ratings for 2007/08 will be presented to the committee so that members can follow these up.	December 2008
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	This has to be produced jointly between Statutory Directors of Adult and Children's Social Care and the PCT's director of Public Health. This is the first one and should guide the direction of both the council and PCT on health and social care matters.	Suggested for September 2008. No meeting in September. The item may have to slip to October 2008.

Health Service Restructure	There are various discussions going on within London Strategic Health Authority as to whether there should be any restructuring of PCT's. Ideas for this are not firmed up and may come to nothing but could possibly mean major restructuring of PCT's in London i.e. less of them. If this does happen Health Select Committee should consider the impact on Brent. The Council is likely to know more in next month.	July or October 2008
Taylor Report / Working with Brent PCT	<p>Although the Committee considered this report at their meeting in April 2008, there is probably value in returning to it in 6 months to review progress of implementing the recommendations.</p> <p>A written agreement to establish a financial settlement with the PCT has been signed. Members have suggested that this be brought to a future meeting for the purposes of considering how best to move forward in a constructive manner. This might also provide a timely opportunity to discuss future joint working arrangements and shared services.</p>	December 2008
Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check (AHC) – Andrew Davies, Policy and Performance Officer to co-ordinate	It is a requirement for Health Select Committee to consider the self declarations from each of the local NHS trusts, measuring performance against the Department for Health's core standards.	April 2009
Primary Care Strategy	This is being developed by the PCT and should outline the future plans and direction of primary care in Brent. This could be a key document for the Committee to consider. Formal consultation will take place in the autumn.	October 2008
Overview of commissioning	The Chair of the Committee has requested that an overview of PCT commissioning be presented to members. This is to increase understanding of the way the PCT operates and engages with service providers.	To be scheduled
<p>Follow on from Healthcare for London (Darzi report) – three issues for Health Select Committee to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will proposals affect services provided in Brent? What are the 	The Committee will probably spend some time looking at the follow on from the Healthcare for London report, specifically the impact of its implementation in Brent. This will be a major area of work for Health	To be scheduled

<p>PCT's plans for implementing the main proposals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's health, and the link to Healthcare for London • Pilot Polyclinic – Willesden Community Hospital – what have the outcomes been from this pilot? 	<p>Select Committee in 2008/09. Possible impacts will become clearer once the joint committee of PCT's has met on 12th June 2008 to agree recommendations to shape the health strategy for London over the next 10 years. The development of polyclinics and the future balance between hospital services and community services are likely to be key issues.</p> <p>In addition, there are two specific areas that have been raised in bringing items together for the work programme – Children's health, and a pilot polyclinic in Willesden Community Hospital. The Committee may want to look in detail at one or both of these issues.</p>	
<p>Mental Health Trust – are shared or mixed wards still an issue?</p>	<p>This issue has been raised by the Chair of the Committee. The Committee could follow up the item with the CNWL NHS Foundation Trust to see if it is still a problem.</p>	<p>To be scheduled</p>
<p>Health and Social Care Bill</p>	<p>This Bill is currently going through Parliament. The main changes in the Bill are the introduction of a new Care Quality Commission and regulatory framework. There are also changes to public health protection and pregnancy allowances. A presentation on the main elements of this Bill maybe a useful platform for the Committee to start to think about its social care role.</p>	<p>To be scheduled – this would be useful once the Bill has received Royal Assent.</p>
<p>Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – feedback on final report from JCPCT</p>	<p>The JOSOC is meeting again in October 2008 to hear how its review recommendations have been incorporated into plans for healthcare for London. The Health Select Committee will be updated on the JOSOC and whether its recommendations have been accepted.</p>	<p>October 2008</p>
<p>Working with LINKs</p>	<p>The Committee will consider a paper in July 2008 on ways that the Health Select Committee and the Brent LINK can work together to get the best outcomes for users of health services in Brent. Throughout the course of 2008/09, the Committee will have to work to build its relationship with the LINK. There is a duty for O&S to respond to social care matters referred by the LINK. Working arrangements, as they develop, may widen this requirement. In addition, the Health Select</p>	<p>To be scheduled</p>

	Committee may look to commission this LINK to survey patients, for example, or may wish to carry out a joint piece of work. This is an area that will develop in the coming months.	
LAA Performance Targets relating to Health Issues	The Council has agreed its local area agreement targets for the coming 3 years. A number of the targets relate to health services and the health and wellbeing of people in Brent. The Committee may be interested in monitoring progress against achieving these targets, in partnership with the Performance and Finance Select Committee.	To be scheduled
Review of Children's Services	A review is to take place looking at the organisation of children's services across Brent, Harrow and at North West London Hospitals. The Committee may wish to consider this review, possibly in collaboration with Harrow Council?	To be scheduled
Patient and Public Involvement Strategy	The PCT has commissioned the Picker Institute to work with them to develop a Public and Patient Engagement Strategy. The Committee may wish to consider this when it is available.	To be scheduled
PCT Investment Strategy	The PCT has recovered its financial position and is formulating proposals for investment in local health services. The Committee is likely to be interested in these plans as they come forward.	To be scheduled
New Model for Unscheduled Care	The Committee received a presentation from the PCT at their meeting in June 2008 on the plans for an Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital. Members asked that the plans for the Centre come back to the Committee once they have been developed, but prior to the opening of the Centre.	To be scheduled
Measures to reduce smoking in Brent	Reducing smoking in Brent is an LAA target and key priority for NHS London. The Committee could look at the measures being taken to reduce smoking levels in Brent. NHS London are encouraging councils to target this and believe that scrutiny has a role to play in addressing this problem.	To be scheduled

	<p>The PCT and Environmental Health have agreed to fund a joint post. The person appointed will be responsible for smoking control in Brent. This includes assisting in smoking cessation work, smoking ban enforcement and other measures designed to encourage people to give up smoking, or not start smoking at all.</p> <p>The Committee may want to consider the progress the council and PCT is making against its smoking cessation target.</p>	
<p>Consultation on acute stroke strategy</p>	<p>Healthcare for London will be consulting on plans for provision of stroke services in London. JOSC arrangements are still to be confirmed, but the Health Select Committee may want to respond to the consultation.</p>	<p>February 2009</p>