

**Health Select Committee Work Programme  
Items for 2009/10**

<b>Proposed Item</b>	<b>Issue for Health Select Committee</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
Swine Flu Update	NHS Brent will update the committee on the steps it's taking to prepare for a possible swine flu pandemic in the UK. The Committee should take this opportunity to question officers on the preparations and make recommendations if they have concerns.	June 2009
Local Area Agreement Targets – Six month reporting	The Committee has asked to consider progress against the health related Local Area Agreement targets on a 6 monthly basis. The next scheduled time to do this is in June 2009.	June 2009
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.	June 2009
North West London Hospital NHS Trust Financial Position	The Committee has been concerned about the financial standing of the North West London NHS Hospitals Trust financial position. There have been two issues of concern – the ability of the trust to break even and plans to make savings requirements in 2009/10. Members have asked to receive regular updates from the trust in order to monitor this and consider the impact of the financial difficulties on services and patients.	June 2008
JOSC Update	Update on the final outcome of the Stroke and Trauma Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	June 2009
Children's Surgical Services	Update members on the commissioning of specialist children's surgical services and position regarding formal consultation.	June 2009
Health Select Committee Work Programme	The Health Select Committee needs to select its work programme for 2009/10 and will be presented with a report setting out items that could be included in the programme.	June 2009

Primary Care Strategy – Implementation of Strategy – consultations as and when they arise	NHS Brent will confirm its Primary Care Strategy in spring/summer 2009. Implementation of the strategy will follow on from this and could result in service changes that will be of interest to members, not least the polyclinic development at Willesden Centre for Health and Care. Issues arising from the implementation of the strategy will be brought to the Health Select Committee as and when they arise.	Throughout 2009/10
Acute Services Review Discussion Paper	The joint acute services review is currently ongoing, but a discussion paper is likely to be available by June 2009. This will give the Health Select Committee an opportunity to consider the proposals for the future of acute services in the borough.	July 2009
District Nurses Parking	The committee has referred the issue of district nurses parking to the portfolio holder for highways and transportation and the Highways Committee and asked for a report back setting out how the issue might be resolved. This should be considered at the June meeting of the Health Select Committee.	July 2009
Local Involvement Network Annual Report	It is a statutory requirement for the Brent LINK to present its annual report to an overview and scrutiny committee. This will be presented to the Health Select Committee at its meeting in July 2009.	July 2009
Intermediate Care Strategy	The Committee has asked to see the Intermediate Care Strategy implementation proposals when they are developed. Members have also discussed the possibility of tying this in to a visit to see people receiving intermediate care.	July 2009
North West London Acute Services Provider Review	The North West London Joint Committee of PCTs has set up a review of acute provider services in the sector. The local acute services review will feed into this wider review. The sector wide review will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of Healthcare for London- where proposals for major trauma and stroke have been launched, but with other changes to follow.</li> <li>• The plans PCTs have to base more care outside hospital by strengthening primary and community care provision.</li> <li>• The need for hospitals to have a secure financial, performance and strategic</li> </ul>	July 2009

	<p>base, so that they can achieve Foundation Trust status.</p> <p>A discussion paper is to be released in July 2009, which the Health Select Committee might want to consider.</p>	
North West London Sector Acute Commissioning Vehicle	A collaborative commissioning group has been set up by PCTs in North West London to commission some acute services. The Health Select Committee will be presented with a report outlining the role and remit of this group and information on the services it is to commission in the sector. Complex surgical services for children is an example of a service that is being commissioned by the sector acute commissioning vehicle.	July 2009
Major Trauma and Stroke Services – Update on final report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and decisions from Joint Committee of PCTs	The major trauma and stroke services consultation will be completed in May 2009 and the final decisions on the location and number of services will be taken by the Joint Committee of PCTs in July 2009. Health Select Committee considered the consultation in March 2009 and will be updated on the results of this work, including the number and location of Major Trauma Centres and Hyper Acute Stroke Units in August / September 2009.	August / September 2009
Urgent Care Centre	The Committee has agreed to receive regular updates on the progress of the development of the Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex Hospital.	Summer 2009
Primary Care Strategy – Follow up from challenge session	There were three specific issues relating to the Primary Care Strategy that members wanted to follow up following their challenge session in April 2009 – i). The five cluster plans for Brent to see how services will change to implement the strategy in each area of the borough. ii). The Investment Plan for the strategy. This should be in place by October 2009. iii). The plans for the polyclinic in Willesden. NHS Brent intends to tender for this service by October 2009.	October 2009
Immunisation Task Group	Childhood immunisation has been selected as the next Health Select Committee task group. The task group findings and report will be presented to the committee in October 2009.	October 2009
Annual Public Health Report	NHS Brent will present details of the Annual Public Health Report for the committee to consider and comment on.	October 2009
Intermediate Care Update	Plans will be progressing on developing an intermediate care strategy and introducing new services. Health Select Committee will be updated on progress.	October 2009

World Class Commissioning Strategy Plan Refresh	NHS Brent will be reviewing its World Class Commissioning strategy plan in the light of revised funding projections from the Department of Health. The Health Select Committee will be consulted on this review with further updates later in the municipal year.	October 2009
Section 75 Arrangements for the delivery of mental health services in Brent	The Committee has asked to be consulted on the proposals to extend the Section 75 agreements for the provision of mental health services in Brent. This is likely to come forward towards the end of 2009 and has been pencilled in for the December meeting of the committee.	December 2009
Access to Health Sites Task Group – 12 month follow up	The committee should follow up the access to health sites task group later this year in line with good practice on the completion of task groups.	December 2009
World Class Commissioning Strategy Plan	Update on the review of the World Class Commissioning Strategic Plan as the PCT reviews its targets in the lights of revised funding predictions from the Department of Health.	February 2010
Standards for Better Health Declarations	Each year the committee puts together its comments on the work of the three health trusts in Brent for the Care Quality Commission Standards for Better Health Declarations. The Committee will consider the trust's self assessments before finalising its comments.	March 2010
Services for people with learning disabilities	Following a report by the Local Government Ombudsman and the Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman into health and social care services for people with learning disabilities, it has been recommended that all health and social care organisations review the systems they have in place to they have in place to plan to meet the full range of needs of people with learning disabilities in their area. It was also recommended that they review the capacity and capability of the services they provide and/or commission for their local populations to meet the additional and often complex needs of people with learning disabilities. Organisations were asked to report their findings within 12 months. Health Select Committee may want to follow up this issue with local health organisations to ensure the needs of people with learning disabilities are being met.	

Consent for health services involving patients with learning disabilities	Issue raised by Cllr Ruth Moher - could the issue of how the trusts deal with patients with a learning disability be considered by the Health Select Committee. Carers have expressed concern that when their adult children have refused treatment that was needed, such as an injection, then the treatment was not given. Could the committee look at the issue of consent for people with learning disabilities? This is very closely linked to the issue above and could be considered in a broader look at services for people with learning disabilities.	
North West London Acute Provider Landscape	The North West London Collaborative Programme office has contacted the council with a view to consulting members on the acute services provider landscape in 2009. More detail will be included in the work programme when it is sent to the council.	
Smoking Cessation	This is a serious issue in Brent, given that PCT services were withdrawn during turnaround. Services have now been reinstated, but performance has been off target. The Health Select Committee should continue to monitor this indicator.	
Health Inequalities	The Health Select Committee may want to revisit health inequality data to see how progress is being made in reducing our well established inequalities. A “stock take” has been suggested.	