



Health Select Committee

15th July 2009

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

North West London Acute Commissioning Partnership

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 At the last Health Select Committee meeting in June 2009, members considered a report on the commissioning of specialist surgical services for children in north-west London. This project is being led by the North West London Acute Commissioning Partnership which has been established by PCTs in the sector to strengthen and improve acute services commissioning.
- 1.2 More acute services are to be commissioned by the partnership and so it is important that the members of the Health Select Committee are up to speed on its development and the potential impact that this could have on acute commissioning in the borough. NHS Brent has produced a short overview of the partnership which is included as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 The briefing paper states that “the prime focus of the partnership is to improve acute sector performance and delivery. It will do this in three ways:
- determining a viable provider landscape configuration in the sector
 - agreeing acute sector contracts
 - performance monitoring and management of acute sector contracts”
- 1.4 The acute services review, which members are already familiar with, is part of a wider review of acute service provision in north-west London, which is addressing the first bullet point above – to determine a viable provider landscape. Already the affects of the partnership are being seen in the sector.

1.5 Members of the Health Select Committee should question officers from NHS Brent on the impact that the partnership could have in the future and how the partnership will interact with borough level commissioning.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Health Select Committee is recommended to consider the report at appendix 1 on the North West London Acute Commissioning Partnership and question officers from NHS Brent on the impact that the partnership could have on services in Brent and how the partnership will interact with borough level commissioning.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Diversity Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

6.1 None

Background Papers

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