

**REPORT TO JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
REDEVELOPMENT OF NORTHWICK PARK HOSPITAL**

Role of the Adviser to the Committee

SUMMARY

Decision Required

That members decide how it wishes to use the services of the Adviser offered through the Centre for Public Scrutiny's Health Scrutiny Support Programme.

Reason for report

To enable the Committee to take a decision on the most appropriate role of the Adviser. This is rolled over from the 29th June meeting agenda item.

Benefits

Clarity about the role of the Adviser will help to ensure that the Committee makes effective use of the Adviser and uses its limited resources effectively.

Cost of Proposals

The Centre for Public Scrutiny provides the Adviser free for the JOSCS.

Risks

Failure to make a decision at this meeting would result in a delay in the effective engagement and involvement of the Adviser.

Implications if recommendations rejected

Same as risks.

Options considered

Not applicable to this report

Consultation

Not applicable to this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications

The JOSCS has a responsibility to respond to the proposals of the Brent and Harrow Primary Care Trusts and the NW London Hospitals NHS Trust and the development of a robust work programme will enable them to carry out this function in the most effective way.

Equalities Impact

The JOSC will seek to ensure that the proposals being proposed by the NHS recognise the diversity of needs in the 3 boroughs and the committee's work programme is constructed to ensure this.

Detail

Each of the three boroughs has an entitlement of up to 5 days free advisory support through the Health Scrutiny Support Programme being run by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Each of the three boroughs has allocated 1 of its 5 days, in the first instance, to support for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has agreed that these days may be pooled, so the Committee currently has a total of 3 day's free advisory support available to it.

The Committee needs to decide how it wishes to make effective use of the three days available to it.

To assist the Committee in its decision-making, officers have identified at least 6 possible options of the type and level of support, which the Committee may wish to receive. These are listed below. The nominated Adviser, Graham Jones, has confirmed that any of these are acceptable to him.

The Committee needs to decide what type/level of support it wishes to receive, bearing in mind the current maximum of 3 days (or equivalent)

Possible options include:

1. To attend committee meetings and provide commentary guidance and advice to Members when requested during the meetings (only)
2. **All of option 1 plus**
 - To read and comment on materials to Members at briefings prior to public meetings
3. **All of option 2 plus**
 - Provide executive summaries on information for discussion in the briefing when requested.
4. **All of option 3 plus**
 - To liaise with the contributors to the meetings (for example The PCT, redevelopment project team etc)
5. **All of option 4 plus**
 - To provide commentary on the draft report of the JOSC
6. **All of option 5 plus**
 - To provide assistance and guidance to the drafting of the final report