

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

Work Programme of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

SUMMARY

PAPER C

Decision Required

That members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee (JOSC) consider:

- the areas of work that have been included in the attached report
- the witnesses they would like to invite to attend these meetings
- the site visits they would like to make during the review

Reason for report

Following its establishment on 20th May 2005, the JOSC must decide on a programme of work it wishes to follow in order to investigate the proposals for the redevelopment of Northwick Park hospital. This report outlines the potential areas of work that councillors might like to include as part of their investigation.

Benefits

Advanced consideration and agreement of a work programme for the JOSC will mean that the committee is able to cover all areas that need to be investigated in a timely and well structured way.

Cost of Proposals

The costs associated with the development of the JOSC work programme will be met from within existing resources by all parties to the committee

Risks

If the JOSC does not reach a decision on the issues it wishes to consider the work of the committee will be seriously delayed.

Implications if recommendations rejected

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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 JOSOC 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 JOSOC 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.

PROPOSED WORKPROGRAMME

MEETING ONE

Date: 1st June 2005, Harrow Council Chamber

To consider the decisions the committee is being asked to make – specifically whether the committee is simply being asked for its views on the proposals in the consultation document or whether the remit of the group goes beyond this

To agree a future schedule of meetings of the committee.

To consider the involvement of co-optees

To consider the work programme of the committee:

- Topics for specific meetings and witnesses to invite to each
- Site visits to be undertaken by Joint Committee members
- Events to be attended by Joint Committee members

To further consider the consultation strategy prepared by the NW London Hospitals NHS Trust

To receive:

- Strategic outline case
- Clinical redesign paper

MEETING TWO

Date: 14 June 2005 at 5pm, at Brent Town Hall

To consider the detail of the model including:

- Strategic outline case
- Clinical redesign paper

To receive detailed information from NW London Hospitals NHS Trust on:

- Proposed care pathways
- Detailed financial analysis
- Impact of wider regional developments

To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work

MEETING THREE

Date: 29 June 2005 at 5.30pm, at Harrow Council Chamber

To receive independent evidence on the viability of the model and the implication for the redevelopment proposals of the Government's broader health agenda (Department of Health/Centre for Public Scrutiny advice and support being sought)

To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work

MEETING FOUR

Date: Monday 11 July 2005 at 5.30pm, at Harrow Council Chamber

A 'pros and cons' panel to hear views of a range of stakeholder:

- NHS professionals
- Social Care professionals
- Voluntary sector
- Carers

To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work

To plan further meetings and work programme

MEETING FIVE

Date: Tuesday 26 July 2005 at 7.30pm, at Brent Town Hall

- To receive views from a range of stakeholders
- To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work
- To plan further meetings and work programme

Note: Please see current agenda as the work programme was modified as a result of the postponement of the public consultation and the NWLSHA review of hospitals across North West London.